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Agenda for a hearing by the Policy & Regulatory Committee (to hear and consider submissions and make recommendations on the Freedom Camping Bylaw) to be held in Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaaruaawahia on **TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2023** commencing at **9.30am**.

**1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**2. CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA**

**3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

**4. REPORTS**

4.1 Hearings Report on Freedom Camping Bylaw

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**5. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

It is intended to discuss this matter in the open section of the meeting, however, should in depth legal advice be requested from the Committee a resolution may be passed to exclude the public to hold these discussions.

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

## Policy & Regulatory Committee

<b>Reports to:</b>	Council
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Deputy Mayor Carolyn Eyre
<b>Deputy Chairperson:</b>	Cr Crystal Beavis
<b>Membership:</b>	The Mayor and all Councillors
<b>Meeting frequency:</b>	Six-weekly
<b>Quorum:</b>	Majority of the members (including vacancies)

### Purpose

The Policy & Regulatory Committee is responsible for the Council's governance policies and bylaws and reviewing the District Plan.

***In addition to the common delegations on page 10, the Policy & Regulatory Committee is delegated the following Terms of Reference and powers:***

### Terms of Reference:

1. To establish, implement and review the governance policy framework that will assist in achieving the Council's strategic priorities and outcomes.
2. To develop, review and approve Council bylaws for consultation.
3. To consider and determine changes to the schedules and parking restrictions in the Public Places Bylaw 2016, including hearing any submissions relating to those proposed changes.
4. To hear and determine matters arising under current bylaws, including applications for dispensation from compliance with the requirements of bylaws, unless such matters are otherwise delegated by Council.
5. To administer the Council's District Plan in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991.
6. To monitor the performance of regulatory decision-making by the District Licensing Committee<sup>1</sup>, Regulatory Subcommittee and officers under their respective delegations.

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<sup>1</sup> For clarity, the District Licensing Committee is a committee of Council under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

**The Committee is delegated the following powers to act:**

***Governance Policies***

- Develop and agree governance policies for the purpose of consultation/engagement.
- Recommend to Council policy for adoption, amendment, or revocation.
- Monitor and review policy, including recommending amendments to any policy as and when required.

***Bylaws***

- Determine all preliminary matters in relation to bylaws, except where expressly reserved for Council under legislation or the bylaw itself. For clarity, this delegation includes those matters to be determined under section 155 Local Government Act 2002.
- Develop and approve the statement of proposal and associated documentation for new or amended bylaws for consultation.
- Make any resolution where in a bylaw the Council has specified that a matter be regulated, controlled or prohibited by the Council by resolution.
- Recommend to Council new or amended bylaws for adoption.

***District Plan***

- Review and approve for notification a proposed district plan, a proposed change to the District Plan, or a variation to a proposed plan or proposed plan change (excluding any plan change notified under clause 25(2)(a), Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991)
- Withdraw a proposed plan or plan change under clause 8D, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- Make the following decisions to facilitate the administration of plan changes, variations, designation and heritage order processes:
  - a. To decide whether a decision of a Requiring Authority or Heritage Protection Authority will be appealed to the Environment Court by the Council and authorise the resolution of any such appeal, provided such decisions are consistent with professional advice.
  - b. To consider and approve Council submissions on a proposed plan, plan changes, and variations, unless expressly delegated to another decision-making body.
  - c. To monitor the private plan change process.
  - d. To accept, adopt or reject private plan change applications under clause 25, Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991.

***Other Resource Management Issues***

- Pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991, to exercise all of the Council's functions, powers, and duties under that Act, except the functions, powers and duties:
  - a. that cannot be delegated or that are otherwise retained by the Council under its terms of reference; or
  - b. expressly delegated to other Council committees or decision-making bodies, or officers.
- Monitor and approve submissions in relation to National Policy Statements and National Environmental Standards.

***Other Delegations***

- Exercise all the Council's functions, powers and duties under the Building Act 2004, the Health Act 1956, the Dog Control Act 1996, and the Food Act 2014, and the respective regulations made under these Acts, except the functions, powers, and duties:
  - a. that cannot be delegated or that are otherwise retained by the Council under its terms of reference; or
  - b. expressly delegated to other Council committees or decision-making bodies, or officers.
- Approval of attendance of elected members at conferences, seminars, training, or events, in accordance with Council policy.

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<b>To</b>	<b>Policy and Regulatory Committee</b>
<b>Report title</b>	<b>Hearings for the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023</b>
Date:	12 September 2023
Report Author:	Mary Rinaldi, Corporate Planner
Authorised by:	Roger MacCulloch, General Manager, Customer Support

## **1. Purpose of the report**

### **Te Take moo te puurongo**

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To enable the receiving and hearing of submissions on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023.

## **2. Executive summary**

### **Whakaraapopototanga matua**

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During 2022 and 2023, staff reviewed the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016, which is due to be automatically revoked on 12 September 2023, with the intent to make a new freedom camping bylaw to replace the expiring one.

The Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023 was drafted with consideration of the amendments to the Freedom Camping Act 2011 as well as the feedback received through early engagement and Council workshops.

The main changes to the Proposed Bylaw included:

- Several amendments to align the Bylaw to the Freedom Camping Act 2011.
  - Amendments to some of the district-wide restrictions including the number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area, and a requirement to move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed somewhere for the maximum number of nights.
  - Clarifying the process and requirements for applying for an exception to a prohibition or restriction.
  - Providing more information on what the public can expect when Council temporarily closes an area to freedom camp.
  - Changes to a number of specific prohibited, restricted or designated areas.
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A Special Consultative Procedure took place between 13 July and 14 August 2023. A total of 67 submissions were received on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw.

### 3. Staff recommendations Tuutohu-aa-kaimahi

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**That the Policy and Regulatory Committee, pursuant to section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002, considers all submissions and, where requested, hears submissions on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023.**

### 4. Background Koorero whaimaarama

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In accordance with section 158 of the Local Government Act (LGA) 2002, every bylaw must be reviewed no later than five years after the date on which it was made. Any bylaw which is not reviewed within the required timeframe continues to have legal effect under section 160A of the LGA until it is automatically revoked two years after the last date on which it should have been reviewed.

The Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016 was due for review by 12 September 2021 and was not reviewed before this date, therefore will be automatically revoked on 12 September 2023.

The review of the 2016 Bylaw began in 2022, with the intent to make a new freedom camping bylaw. After a workshop with Council in September 2022, early engagement with the public was conducted from 14 September 2022 to 19 February 2023 to obtain general feedback on the current operation of the 2016 Bylaw. Subsequently, additional specific feedback was sought from Community Boards and Committees, mana whenua and other key stakeholders, from 1 May to 29 May. This feedback, along with the site assessments of the current prohibited and restricted sites in the 2016 bylaw, was presented to a Council workshop on 7 June 2023.

The Self-contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act 2023 came into force on 6 June 2023 amending the Freedom Camping Act 2011, and these amendments have been reflected where appropriate in the Proposed Bylaw.

The Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023 was drafted with consideration of the amendments to the Freedom Camping Act 2011 as well as the feedback received through early engagement and Council workshops.

The main changes to the Proposed Bylaw included:

- Amendment of the purpose of the Bylaw to align it with the Act.
  - Incorporation of key definitions found within the Act by reference to ensure the most up-to-date interpretation of key terms are able to be used by the bylaw (such as *freedom camp*, *self-contained*, and *local authority area*), and to allow for Council to respond to the two-year transition period from one certification regime to another.
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- Incorporating a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained.
- Clarification and amendment of the district-wide restriction to apply a maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area (previously, three, increased to five), and setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum.
- Clarifying the process and requirements for people who may wish to apply for an exception to a prohibition or restriction.
- Providing more information on what communications and publicity the public can expect from Council when it exercises its power to temporarily close an area to freedom camp.
- Changes to specific areas which are prohibited or restricted as summarised below:
  - Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia – extension of current prohibited area to include the squash club
  - Sunset Beach, Port Waikato – extension of current prohibited area to include entire carpark
  - Raglan CBD –exclusion of Stewart Street from the current prohibited area and redesignation of Stewart Street as a restricted area
  - Wainui Road, Raglan (near water treatment ponds) – new prohibited area
  - Wainui Road, Raglan (near Wainui Reserve bush park) – new prohibited area
  - Te Kauwhata Domain, Mahi Road, Te Kauwhata – reduction of current area where vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp, to limit freedom camping to one end of the carpark

All submissions received are included with this report in Attachment 2.

## 5. Discussion and analysis

### Taataritanga me ngaa tohutohu

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A Special Consultative Procedure was undertaken between 13 July and 14 August 2023 to advise the public of the proposed changes from the 2016 bylaw and invite submissions on the proposed new bylaw. Staff used the following communication methods:

- Media release;
  - Public notice;
  - Online engagement tools;
  - Emails to Community Boards and Committees, mana whenua, and other key stakeholders;
  - Council's Facebook page.
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Shape Waikato is Council's main portal for engagement with the community. The Freedom Camping Bylaw page on Shape Waikato received 1,184 views and 1,063 individual visitors. In total, Council received 67 formal submissions. Fifteen submitters have requested to be heard although this number may decrease as hearings scheduling progresses.

Social media (Facebook) data and comments received on the posts about the Proposed Bylaw are presented in Attachment 3. Please note that these are not considered to be formal submissions, however Council can choose to have some regard to these comments during deliberations.

### **5.1 Financial considerations** **Whaiwhakaaro puutea**

There are no material financial considerations associated with the recommendations of this report.

### **5.2 Legal considerations** **Whaiwhakaaro-aa-ture**

Staff confirm that the staff recommendation complies with the Council's legal and policy requirements.

**Section 11B(3)** of the Freedom Camping Act 2011 requires councils to use the special consultative procedure in section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 (as modified by Section 86 of that Act) when making freedom camping bylaws. **Section 83(1)(d)** of the Local Government Act 2002 requires Council to provide an opportunity for persons to present their views in a manner that enables spoken (or New Zealand Sign Language) interaction between the person and the local authority. These hearings comply with section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 and its relevant subsections.

### **5.3 Strategy and policy considerations** **Whaiwhakaaro whakamaaherehere kaupapa here**

The report and recommendations are consistent with the Council's policies, plans and prior decisions.

### **5.4 Maaori and cultural considerations** **Whaiwhakaaro Maaori me oona tikanga**

Mana whenua stakeholders were involved in early engagement and were also advised by email when consultation opened and invited to make a submission.

### **5.5 Climate response and resilience considerations** **Whaiwhakaaro-aa-taiao**

The matters in this report have no known impact on climate change or resilience for the Council.

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## 5.6 Risks

### Tuuraru

There are no risks associated with this report.

## 6. Significance and engagement assessment

### Aromatawai paahekoheko

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### 6.1 Significance

#### Te Hiranga

The decisions and matters of this report are assessed as of moderate significance, in accordance with the Council's [Significance and Engagement Policy](#).

The following criteria are particularly relevant in determining the level of significance for this matter:

- There is a legal requirement to engage with the community.
- The proposal or decision will affect a large portion of the community.
- The likely impact on present and future interests of the community, recognising Maaori Tikanga (culture values) and their relationship to land and water.
- The community interest is likely to be high.

### 6.2 Engagement

#### Te Whakatuutakitaki

Highest level of engagement	Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consultation was carried out in accordance with section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.					

State below which external stakeholders have been or will be engaged with:

Planned	In Progress	Complete	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Internal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community Boards/Community Committees
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Waikato-Tainui/Local iwi and hapuu
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected communities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Affected businesses

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## 7. Next steps Ahu whakamua

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Deliberations on the proposed bylaw will take place on 16 October 2023. Following this, the final bylaw for adoption will be drafted and taken to the Policy and Regulatory Committee meeting on 14 November for recommendation to Council.

## 8. Confirmation of statutory compliance Te Whakatuuturutanga aa-ture

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As required by the Local Government Act 2002, staff confirm the following:

The report fits with Council's role and Committee's Terms of Reference and Delegations.	Confirmed
The report contains sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages ( <i>Section 5.1</i> ).	Confirmed
Staff assessment of the level of significance of the issues in the report after consideration of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy ( <i>Section 6.1</i> ).	Moderate
The report contains adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons taking account of any proposed or previous community engagement and assessed level of significance ( <i>Section 6.2</i> ).	Confirmed
The report considers impact on Maaori ( <i>Section 5.5</i> )	Confirmed
The report and recommendations are consistent with Council's plans and policies ( <i>Section 5.4</i> ).	Confirmed
The report and recommendations comply with Council's legal duties and responsibilities ( <i>Section 5.3</i> ).	Confirmed

## 9. Attachments Ngaa taapirihanga

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**Attachment 1** – Hearings Schedule

**Attachment 2** – All submissions on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw

**Attachment 3** – Social media data and comments on the Proposed Bylaw.

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## Attachment 1

### Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw Hearing Schedule

#### Tuesday 12 September 2023

*Please note this schedule is subject to change and will be updated on the day of the hearing.*

<b>Time</b>	<b>Submission ID</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>In person or online</b>	<b>Agenda page #</b>
9.30 am	6881	Greg Wiechern	In Person	133
9.40 am	6947	Clare Jackson and Tim Newton	In Person	22
9.50 am	6937	Rosemarie Costar	Online	73
10.00 am	6930	Dennis Amoore	In Person	92
10.10 am	6944	Kiri Binnersley	In person	40
10.20 am				
10.30 am	6938	James Imlach	Online	66
10.45 am	6567	Fiona Kahukura Chase	Online	233
10.50 am	6883	Keith Wooderson	In Person	123
11.00 am	6551	John Lawson	Online	305
11.10 am				
11.20 am				
11.30 am	6922	"Mike"	In Person	101
11.40 am				
11.50 am				
12 pm				

**PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION**

**SUBMITTER INFORMATION**

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6949
<b>Name:</b>	Hine Ward-Holmes
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Other: No response
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	

**RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS**

**SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW**

*We are proposing changes to the Bylaw to more closely align it to the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act).*

*These changes include:*

*Key Change 1 - Amending the purpose of the Bylaw to align it with the Act.*

*Key Change 2 - Incorporating key definitions from the Act.*

*Key Change 5 - Clarifying the process and requirements for exemption applications.*

*Key Change 6 - New information requirements on temporary closures.*

*More information on these changes can be found in the Statement of Proposal at the top right of this page.*

<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Other: Thoughts on definitions
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**Please help us understand your response:**

As a woman living in Raglan Whaingaroa - I am giving my thoughts about the freedom camping in my town, to be taken into consideration.

Definition of camping:

campers sharing of land Black's law dictionary 1891

camp to live temporarily in or as if in a tent The new collins concise english dictionary 1986

Definition of freedom:

freedom ease of grace as of movement The new collins concise english dictionary 1986

freedom the state of being free: liberty; self-determination: absence of restraint; the opposite of slavery.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	I do not have a response for the question
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**Please help us understand your response:**

**SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES**

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can</b>	I do not have a response for the question
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freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?

Please help us understand your response:

Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?

Please help us understand your response:

I do not have a response for the question

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?

I do not have a response for this question

If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN

*We are proposing to add two new prohibited areas on Wainui Road in Raglan – one near the water treatment ponds, and one near Wainui Reserve bush park.*

Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?

Yes

Please help us understand your response:

I believe wainui rd near the water treatment ponds is an area to treat sewage  
I believe wainui rd near the wainui bush park reserve is an area where the people of Raglan frequent for many hours of the day for exercise leisure and recreation and there is not enough space for others.

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?

No

Please help us understand your response:

I believe stewart street is too residential for freedom camping and a restricted area will be the wrong area, it is a residential area, used by people of Raglan town for many hours of the day and night.

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

- *Manu Bay reserve and surrounding area, 696 Wainui Road, Raglan and that section of Wainui Road adjacent to the Manu Bay reserve.*
- *Tohora Close, Calvert Road, Whale Bay*
- *Ngarunui Beach Reserve, Wainui Reserve, 330 Wainui Road, Raglan*
- *Kopua Domain, 61 Marine Parade, Raglan*
- *Cliff Street, Puriri Street, From 2 Cliff Street to 1 Puriri Street, Raglan*

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- *Riria Kereopa Drive, Wainamu Road*
  - *Wainui Road*
  - *Papanui Point Carpark*
  - *Swann Access Road, Ruapuke Beach*
  - *Ruapuke Beach Road*
  - *Bridal Veil Falls Carpark, Kawhia Road, Te Mata*
  - *Greenslade Road*
  - *Earles Place*
  - *Raglan Wharf*
  - *Lorenzen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise*
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**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

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I would prefer people wanting to stay in their automobile to park their automobile in a place where they are not in the centre of the town. In areas where the people of the town are not performing leisure activities. In an area with space. Near the bush, near space that a tent could be put up for example.

In a space of scenic beauty and preferably with toilets and water, out of the inner town.

Some areas for example are: Ngaranui beach carpark 8pm-5am winter 9pm-5am summer, autumn, spring (the time can have some more thought) - as these areas are frequented by our people of the town for water activities, and exercise. This site would have to have thought and a specific designated area - possibly furthest away from the beach front.

There are more possible areas along Wainui Rd more - Manu Bay could be a possible area with strict hours and designated areas. As this area is also a well used area for people of the town all hours of the day and night.

There may be other areas some 10km out of Raglan heading out along Highway 23. Te Mata, Ruapuke, Other areas of scenic beauty - Waingaro or Te Akau to seek.

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### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA**

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

I do not have a response for this question

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**Please help us understand your response:**

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*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited and restricted areas in Ngaaruawaahia, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions and restrictions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

*Prohibited:*

- *Waikato Esplanade, 1-52 Waikato Esplanade*
- *Patterson Park*
- *Horotiu Bridge carpark area*
- *Waingaro Road, section at end of Hakarimata track*
- *Hakarimata Track carpark area, Brownlee Ave*
- *451-477 Old Taupiri Road, Hopuhopu.*

*Restricted:*

- *Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia Lower Waikato Esplanade, where freedom camping is restricted to a designated area, and the area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Ngaaruawaahia. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

**Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUWHATA

*We are proposing to reduce the current area where vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Te Kauwhata Domain on Mahi Road, to limit freedom camping to one end of the carpark. The area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

**Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT

#### **Onewhero**

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in the Onewhero area. Currently, vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Onewhero Domain at 14 Hall Road, in a designated area, when the area is not required for events. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

#### **Tuakau**

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in Tuakau. Currently, freedom camping at the St. Stephens car park at 8 St. Stephens Avenue is restricted to the signposted part of the carpark only, between 6pm and 10am with a maximum stay of two nights. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?**

I do not have a response for this question

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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

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***Other Areas***

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

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**Please tell us what you think about any areas that are not currently covered, or proposed to be covered, by the bylaw. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

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**ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

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**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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**PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION**

**SUBMITTER INFORMATION**

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6948
<b>Name:</b>	DM Davies
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Yes
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	Throughout NZ
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	

**RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS**

**SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW**

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**Please help us understand your response:**

**SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES**

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

As a freedom camper and have stayed throughout nz several times i make my submission on the following.

Five nights stay in any one place is far to long in Raglan as it only has a very few places to stay

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Two nights and you have to move to another area to camp.

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**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

I do not have a response for the question

**Please help us understand your response:**

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**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

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Signage is a must and a \$200.00 fine for non compliance. Provide details where you can park so you know where its legal

Its a privilege to be able to freedom camp and i do hope we get this right in Raglan as a lot of people are against freedom camping. With the new self containment regulations coming it will stop a lot of existing problems

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Per haps 2 by the fire station 2 museum 6 marine parade by toilets and a few others scattered around the town.It would be easy to mark the parking in a differnt colour eg like the disabled parks Parking from 6 pm to 9 am closer to town parking A lot of the road side is very narrow for parking and close to housing .

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**PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION**

**SUBMITTER INFORMATION**

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6947
<b>Name:</b>	Clare Jackson
<b>Organisation:</b>	Jackson Family Farm
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Yes
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As farmers in a scenic area, we support this bylaw. Tourists enjoy our part of the district and we enjoy meeting and interacting with them and giving directions, recommending places to see and things to do.

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Roadside camping is a risk to traffic, to residents and to stock. We have had to ask campers to move because we can't get past.

As this bylaw may put additional pressure on these places, real clarity from council is needed.

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<b>Sub ID:</b>	6946
<b>Name:</b>	Charles Fletcher
<b>Organisation:</b>	Tamahere Community Committee
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Tamahere-Woodlands General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
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**Charles Fletcher – Chair**  
**Tamahere Community Committee**



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<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	Raglan
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Other: YES AT TIMES
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	Rural areas - east cape
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	Yes
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### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	No
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

Stewart Street - Raglan - Should in no way be a designated area.

this is a residential street as well as a street with a church and a early child care centre.

does it really need explanation as to why this is not appropriate!

Noise, environmental impact, hygiene, traffic!!, parking issues, security concerns, social tensions.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Other: i dont understand the question
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

3 is plenty in one location due to all of the issues stated.

<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

moving simply down the road to another location - it will cause huge areas of freedom camping.  
*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?</b>	Yes
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*We are proposing to add two new prohibited areas on Wainui Road in Raglan – one near the water treatment ponds, and one near Wainui Reserve bush park.*

<b>Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?</b>	Yes
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<b>Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

as stated previously - this is a residential street as well as a street with a church and a early child care centre - absolutely shocking that this even got the map stage!!  
 Child safety - its a child care street!!  
 Noise and Disturbance - its bad enough already!  
 Environmental Impact - waste deposal, already they are going to the toilet on people's houses and church grounds.  
 Sanitation and Hygiene - of the campers - there is not appropriate facilities.  
 Traffic Congestion - has anyone seen this street on a weekend! Its the main parking for town and also church and markets.  
 Parking Issues - as stated  
 Security Concerns - of residents, campers and buildings - last year was already a stabbing!!  
 Amenity Usage: Overuse of public amenities like water sources, public restrooms, and recreational spaces by campers can strain resources meant for residents' use.  
 Social Tensions: Local residents might develop negative attitudes toward freedom campers due to the issues mentioned above. This can lead to social tensions and conflicts between residents and campers.

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*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?</b>	Yes
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*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

<b>Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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**Please help us understand your response:**

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**Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?**

I do not have a response for this question

Please help us understand your response:

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT

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*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in the Onewhero area. Currently, vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Onewhero Domain at 14 Hall Road, in a designated area, when the area is not required for events. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?**

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**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?**

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#### **Other Areas**

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### ANY OTHER INFORMATION

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

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Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.

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Email also sent with additional info

**From:** consult  
**Subject:** FW: Fw: freedom camping bylaw 2023

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**Subject:** freedom camping bylaw 2023

Hi Lisa,

I just wanted to email with my concerns over the proposed changes to the freedom camping bylaw 2023 – in particular the proposed change for Stewart Street. I have lodged via the website, however, it stated 15<sup>th</sup> August on Facebook which was an error as it was meant to be the 14<sup>th</sup> August. So please do share my concerns with the relevant people. As a resident of Stewart Street for 13 years, I believe it is crucial to address certain aspects of the bylaw (zoning a selection Stewart Street) that could potentially impact our neighborhood.

Firstly, I would like to draw attention to the fact that Stewart Street is primarily a residential area with families & individuals as well as being home to church, the old school art centre, vulnerable people at the Stewart Street Village and an early childcare center. Seriously what were they thinking that this could even be considered! It really doesn't need an explanation as to why this is unsuitable – but here is one:

I have listed the general concerns below, however, highlight that last year we had a stabbing with a screwdriver on a freedom camper, we have rubbish left on the street, the church is used as a toilet, we are kept awake, often feel unsafe especially on weekend drunken nights, parking issues for the church and market, and not forgetting this is a residential street with children, furthermore, it has a child care meters from the proposed location!!

My concerns above align with some of the well-documented issues associated with freedom camping in residential areas:

**Noise and Disturbance:** Residential streets should provide a peaceful environment for families and children. Introducing freedom camping will result in increased noise disruptions during late hours or early mornings, which will adversely affect the quality of life for our residents and the operation of the early childcare center and church.

**Environmental Impact:** Maintaining the cleanliness and environmental integrity of our neighborhood is essential. Without proper waste disposal facilities, freedom campers will inadvertently contribute to littering and pollution, damaging the natural surroundings – flowing directly into the harbour!

**Sanitation and Hygiene:** The lack of appropriate sanitation facilities for freedom campers will lead to unsanitary conditions that impact the health and well-being of both campers and local residents.

**Traffic and Parking:** this is some of the main parking in Raglan town - residential streets are not designed to accommodate the increased traffic that freedom camping might bring. This could lead to congestion, hinder emergency vehicle access, and strain the available parking spaces, causing inconvenience for both residents and campers.

**Security Concerns:** security concerns for residents and the early childcare center, which is particularly concerning.

**Amenity Usage:** could be overused by freedom campers, limiting the availability of these amenities for those they were intended for.

Given these potential issues, I kindly request that the council carefully consider the impact of the Freedom Camping Bylaw on Stewart Street. It is important to strike a balance between providing opportunities for adventure and preserving the tranquility, safety, and quality of life for residents, children / families at the early childcare center, and locals who use the facilities such as the market and church.

I would greatly appreciate an opportunity to discuss these concerns further and to explore possible solutions that could address the challenges raised by introducing freedom camping to our residential area.

Thank you for your time and efforts. I look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Kind Regards

Chris

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

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<b>Name:</b>	Kiri Binnersley
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	Raglan
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Yes
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

both Joyce Petchell memorial park parking area (Beside Museum) and Cliff st two way portion of the road by the toilets both be restricted freedom camping areas with camping time of 5pm and 8am

We also need to ask that council start the process to have the Operative Management plan for Wainui reserve changed so that the car parking area can be designated for freedom camping

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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

The way the proposed bylaw is they have pushed everyone away from camping by toilets to camping in front of peoples homes

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Yes

Please help us understand your response:

request that both Joyce Petchell memorial park parking area (Beside Museum) and Cliff st two way portion of the road by the toilets both be restricted freedom camping areas with camping time of 5pm and 8am

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Yes

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**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

Other: council start the process to have the Operative Management plan for Wainui reserve changed so that the car parking area can be designated for freedom camping

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There needs to be access to toilets.

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**Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?**

Yes

Please help us understand your response:

But I also believe it to be on both sides of the road for prohibited parking as Stewart street is a known area for car break-ins - My car was broken into and the tow truck driver has said he had only been working for the company for three months and has been out there six times. It maybe a good way to prevent crime/break ins if there were more people around the area sleeping in vans.

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**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Yes we believe they should still be prohibited.

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This was a submission on behalf of the Raglan community board and we would like to talk in person.

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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**PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION**

**SUBMITTER INFORMATION**

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6942
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<b>Organisation:</b>	Tainui Hapu
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
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Numerous vehicles park up for 3 days in public spaces which are needed for parking. 5 days is too long to park up in a prime position at the beach when campsites are available.

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

Yes

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Freedom camping should be banned at other sites such as Te Toto carpark which is under DOC. Also camping along Whaanga road allows rubbish to be thrown over into streams and raises potential for fire risks where there are limited water supplies should to stop bushfires spreading.

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Yes

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I have seen people parked up for days and leaving their rubbish in the wetland at the Wastewater area.

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Te Toto Gorge Carpark

Te Rau o te Huia Rise off Wainamu Road Freedom campers head up here into a Papakainga area. Whaanga Road between Te Toto and Tohora close. ater.

Have had a murder at Te Toto and with climate change bush fires may become an issue in areas with no easily accessible water

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I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

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**Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT

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**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

#### **Tuakau**

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**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

#### **Other Areas**

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Have already mentioned places in previous comments eg Te Toto carpark

### ANY OTHER INFORMATION



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Would like to see a dedicated WDC monitor checking number plates of parked vehicles after 9.00pm and contacting them if they are recidivist.

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6941
<b>Name:</b>	Bronwyn Heath
<b>Organisation:</b>	Pokeno Tennis and Recreation Hub in Avon Road
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Tuakau-Pokeno General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Yes
<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	
Change needs to happen	
<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	
Stricter laws need to be adhered to regarding self contained vehicles	

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	
Three nights long enough in an area , need to move on	
<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom</b>	Yes

camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?

Please help us understand your response:

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?

Yes

If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

Freedom camping on council managed cemeteries is not appropriate

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN

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Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?

Yes

Please help us understand your response:

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?

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Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

**SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA**

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

I do not have a response for this question

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Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?	I do not have a response for this question
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Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?	Yes
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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6940
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	Keep my name private

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This should include keeping the Stewart street restriction and also the reserve area on John street is not shown on the prohibited areas.

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<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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Raglan John st reserve, excessive amount of vans, residents abused verbally and threatening, campers coming onto residents properties, rubbish in the swamp area, excessive noise, parties, . urinating on fences, cut human hair floating near pathway. I have written a previous submission is also to be included in this.

### ANY OTHER INFORMATION

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Please see attached has relevant submission John street reserve. Submission attached below insupporting documentation.

It was hard enough so many vans parked and I have seen the picnic tables at the puriru park area abused verbally and threatening, campers coming onto residents properties, rubbish in the swamp area, excessive noise, parties, access to the dog park blocked out for vehicles.

**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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See following pages.

I am contactiing you in regard to the Freedom Camping that they are looking for areas in restricted areas that would be suitable. Living across the road from the the swamp area on John Street when a hugh amount of freedom campers were sent there after the rugby grounds were closed off. Even though it is a reserve

1. The rubbish left behind, And chucked over the fence into the swamp area as well.
2. Urinating etc against the fences especially as people and dogs walk close by.
3. People coming onto private properties and taking water etc from taps and fruit went missing.
4. Verbal abuse from camper's multiple times. Loud music not just a guitar etc.
5. Feeling unsafe to walk along the road in the evening.
6. The doors of the vehicles open and shutting all night waking people up.
7. A resident having to tell campers clean up after themselves, one who is older and us being concerned for his safety.
8. A pile of human hair left floating around close to the pathway on wallis street around where kids and adults walk by.

This is some of the stuff that was happening it was an awful time and as you will probably hear from others in other areas this happened, it was similar for them too and also from neighbours here as I noticed one had made a comment on wdc submission map. Also in summer when there are too many cars at puriri st, families/people park on John st side and have family picnics which is great. Lots of people, families with young children with little bikes etc walk down from cross/james st and along to wallis street on this area.

8. It was like being overrun by a circus, especially at night. I dont expect to live in an area which it ends up being us who have to clean up after them and take the abuse and feel unsafe. there must be a place if this is going to happen that is better for all, why not do what Australia does. Maybe another area like the one near the marae with a \$10 fee would be good.

I even saw one guy who was using one of the picnic tables for his exercises where he jumped from the ground up onto the tabletop repeatedly, where people eat off and was thought it great

You would think there would be an expectation of rules and behaviour. That there has not been much.

addendum

Also recently there was an accident that would have affected freedom campers if they were there. I have attached a photo of the car and where it ended up flipped over. It would not be an idea for campers to have been where that ended up.



**PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION**

**SUBMITTER INFORMATION**

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6939
<b>Name:</b>	Lesley Topping
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Newcastle-Ngaruawahia General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Other: Not at the moment
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	

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I assume self contained means having a fixed toilet?

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I support responsible freedom camping.  
But it is not for people living in cars or taking up 'residence' in beauty spots.

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Having grown up having mobile 'gypsy' holidays in a self contained caravan it was a wonderful way to explore our wild free land. So please don't shut that down because of a few irresponsible people - catch them and fine them.

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

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<b>Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?</b>	Yes
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Fair enough, especially wrt the risk of contamination of drinking water.

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Seems a long list.

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No

**Please help us understand your response:**

Please let them stay

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### ANY OTHER INFORMATION

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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**PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION**

**SUBMITTER INFORMATION**

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6938
<b>Name:</b>	James Imlach
<b>Organisation:</b>	New Zealand Motor Caravan Association
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	I do not reside in Waikato District
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	Auckland
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Yes
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Other: We support most of the proposed changes outlined in the Statement of Proposal
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We commend the Council for continuing to provide freedom camping options for non-self contained vehicles. Most non-self-contained campers are responsible travellers and would appreciate the ability to continue freedom camping in the district. As an aside, the NZMCA is working on a parallel certification system for its members with portable toilets that comply with NZS 5465 but will not comply with the new definition of a self-contained vehicle. The purpose of this system is to ensure our members with portable toilets can continue to stay at our parks and attend events that require some form of certification.

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<b>Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

We oppose the new prohibited areas on Wainui Road, near Raglan. It is unclear why these areas should be prohibited under section 11(2) of the Freedom Camping Act 2011. There is a general expectation that prior to proposing restricted and prohibited areas, local authorities will have undertaken objective site assessments. The results of these assessments should then be shared with submitters for feedback, prior to making any final decisions.

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	Other: Unclear
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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

See following pages.



09 August 2023

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## Submission on the Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023

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- 8 At this stage, we wish to speak at the hearing via video (if possible).

Nāku noa, nā

New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc.



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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

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<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Western Districts General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	Yes
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<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	
We believe three nights is sufficient	
<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom</b>	Yes

**camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

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**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

Yes

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Onewhero Reserve : In order for Freedom Camping to be successful there needs to be adequate infrastructure in place, along with adequate monitoring of compliance. The Onewhero Reserve has had numerous issues since Freedom Camping was first permitted there. These issues include the dumping of belongings and rubbish, regular breaking in to the Onewhero Rugby Clubrooms to gain access to hot showers and cooking facilities and the refusal of some campers to use the excellent WDC toilet facilities at the reserve, preferring to use the reserve as their toilet. Other issues include campers using the cold shower that WDC kindly installed for campers, and then parading around the clubroom area naked. While this may amuse some people, our children's playground is with 100m of the shower area so it is absolutely inappropriate. Freedom camping is not appropriately named. It may be free to the campers, but it certainly comes at a cost to WDC, and ultimately the rate payer. It also comes at a cost in this case to the Onewhero Rugby Club who end up cleaning up the dumped belongings, repairing their facility from ongoing efforts to break in and keeping the reserve neat and tidy for all its users. We support freedom camping in principle however to date the monitoring, compliance and rubbish facilities are not adequate. If camping is to continue to be permitted at the Reserve we urge that these three areas be significantly improved.

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I do not have a response for this question

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**Please help us understand your response:**

We support the prohibition of freedom camping at Sunset Beach

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

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We continue to support the prohibition of freedom camping at Maraetai Bay and Maunsell Road

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Please refer to comments earlier in the submission

Also the mapping of the freedom camping area in the statement of proposal is incorrect. It includes the septic tank area and another area that is fenced off. We are happy to work with WDC to redraw the maps so they show the correct area.

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**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

This submission is written by the Rural Port Waikato Community Board with significant input from the Onewhero Rugby Club. Please consider the submission a joint submission

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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**PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION**

**SUBMITTER INFORMATION**

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**Please help us understand your response:**

5 nights is to long, it will encourage those living in vehicles to stay longer. Longer stays always bring other issues rubbish, dogs etc.

<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Once again it is encouraging those living in the area and living in a vehicle to stay in the area. Moving 500m allows them to be able to live in a chosen area, they will just live between a couple of sites, moving every 5 days.

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?</b>	Yes
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**If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

*We are proposing to add two new prohibited areas on Wainui Road in Raglan – one near the water treatment ponds, and one near Wainui Reserve bush park.*

<b>Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

<b>Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

- *Manu Bay reserve and surrounding area, 696 Wainui Road, Raglan and that section of Wainui Road adjacent to the Manu Bay reserve.*
- *Tohora Close, Calvert Road, Whale Bay*
- *Ngarunui Beach Reserve, Wainui Reserve, 330 Wainui Road, Raglan*
- *Kopua Domain, 61 Marine Parade, Raglan*
- *Cliff Street, Puriri Street, From 2 Cliff Street to 1 Puriri Street, Raglan*
- *Riria Kereopa Drive, Wainamu Road*
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- *Ruapuke Beach Road*
- *Bridal Veil Falls Carpark, Kawhia Road, Te Mata*
- *Greenslade Road*
- *Earles Place*

- Raglan Wharf
- Lorenzen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Papahua Domain- the carparking area off m,arnine parade between the Raglan Holiday Park and the Airfield needs to be included, as it does not show as prohibited on the map. Campervans regularly stay overnight in this area outside the camp and use the camp facilities.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited and restricted areas in Ngaaruawaahia, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions and restrictions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

*Prohibited:*

- Waikato Esplanade, 1-52 Waikato Esplanade
- Patterson Park
- Horotiu Bridge carpark area
- Waingaro Road, section at end of Hakarimata track
- Hakarimata Track carpark area, Brownlee Ave
- 451-477 Old Taupiri Road, Hopuhopu.

*Restricted:*

- Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia Lower Waikato Esplanade, where freedom camping is restricted to a designated area, and the area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Ngaaruawaahia. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

**Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**



**SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUWHATA**

*We are proposing to reduce the current area where vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Te Kauwhata Domain on Mahi Road, to limit freedom camping to one end of the carpark. The area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

**SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT*****Onewhero***

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in the Onewhero area. Currently, vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Onewhero Domain at 14 Hall Road, in a designated area, when the area is not required for events. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

***Tuakau***

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in Tuakau. Currently, freedom camping at the St. Stephens car park at 8 St. Stephens Avenue is restricted to the signposted part of the carpark only, between 6pm and 10am with a maximum stay of two nights. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

***Other Areas***

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

**Please tell us what you think about any areas that are not currently covered, or proposed to be covered, by the bylaw. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

**ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6935
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	I do not reside in Waikato District
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	Hamilton
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	please keep my name private

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

#### SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW

*We are proposing changes to the Bylaw to more closely align it to the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act).*

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*Key Change 6 - New information requirements on temporary closures.*

*More information on these changes can be found in the Statement of Proposal at the top right of this page.*

<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Yes
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

As farmers in a scenic area, we support the bylaw but want to know what will council do about campers on roadsides, happens a lot here where fencing and topography leaves a few metres space by the road. Some campers light fires (right next to fences/paddocks), and toilet paper is left behind.

will council enforce roadside camping, and support farmers in keeping their property/access safe?

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Yes
<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their car parks.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

Yes

**If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

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**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

**Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

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Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.

<b>Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?</b>	Yes
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Please help us understand your response:

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### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.

<b>Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?</b>	Yes
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Please help us understand your response:

We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.

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### SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUWHATA

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<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

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### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT**

#### ***Onewhero***

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in the Onewhero area. Currently, vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Onewhero Domain at 14 Hall Road, in a designated area, when the area is not required for events. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	Yes
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

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#### ***Tuakau***

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	Yes
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#### ***Other Areas***

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

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### **ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

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**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6932
<b>Name:</b>	Rangatira Simon
<b>Organisation:</b>	Tuurangawaewae Marae
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Newcastle-Ngaruawahia General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

#### SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	I do not have a response for the question
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Tuurangawaewae Marae objects with the area designated as restricted at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point) Ngaaruawaahia. We consider the designated restricted area should also be prohibited. The designated restricted area should be located further away from the Waikato Awa.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	I do not have a response for the question
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**Please help us understand your response:**

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	I do not have a response for the question
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**Please help us understand your response:**

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

I do not have a response for the question

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

Yes

**If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

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**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

**Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

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**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited and restricted areas in Ngaaruawaahia, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions and restrictions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

*Prohibited:*

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*Restricted:*

- *Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia Lower Waikato Esplanade, where freedom camping is restricted to a designated area, and the area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Ngaaruawaahia. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

As stated earlier Tuurangawaewae Marae consider the entire Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai area to be prohibited to freedom camping. In particular the designated restricted area. The designated restricted area should be positioned further away from the Waikato Awa and main carparks.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

<b>Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUWHATA

*We are proposing to reduce the current area where vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Te Kauwhata Domain on Mahi Road, to limit freedom camping to one end of the carpark. The area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

**Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?**

I do not have a response for this question

Please help us understand your response:

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT

#### **Onewhero**

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**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?**

I do not have a response for this question

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**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?**

I do not have a response for this question

Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

#### **Other Areas**

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### ANY OTHER INFORMATION

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6930
<b>Name:</b>	Dennis Amoore
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	Yes
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### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

all vans must be self contained and any that are not fined when found

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

3 nights is plenty other wise go to a camping ground as by then have filled tanks and lots subbush to get rid off

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

Yes

**If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

I fail to understand the councils reluctance to include freedom camping in locations adjacent to toilets in Raglan.

le we should allow restricted freedom camping at Joyce Petchell memorial park, two way traffic area of cliff street between hours 5pm and 8am as both location have toilets

We need to include east side James street in front of the bowling club as a no go camping area, there is actually more grass area on the west side James st.

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

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**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

We also need to make an amendment to Wainui reserve management plan to allow freedom camping in the main carpark on Wainui reserve as toilets here and away from any housing. This is an ideal spot for freedom camping

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**Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

we should be using the Joyce Petchell Memorial park by museum on Wainui road for restricted freedom camping as has toilets and doesn't impact residential as much

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In the 2 way traffic area on Cliff st should allow restricted freedom camping by the toilets.  
Manu bay could also be opened to freedom camping does not impact residents and has toilets plus ample free space.

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why are council so reluctant to allow freedom camping on both Wainui reserve and Manu bay reserve

All enquiries I have made indicate if the reserve plan allows for freedom camping then it can be included

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6924
<b>Name:</b>	Lyn Harris
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Tamahere-Woodlands General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

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There are holiday spot areas which will come under pressure at certain times of the year. The 3 night maximum means that more people get the opportunity to experience these great locations.

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6922
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
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**Please help us understand your response:**

There is no way to make this work.

No policing is possible without checking daily and who will monitor that?

<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

500 is taking the piss.

Back and forth will be the argument

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Lower John St there is a reserve (with protected endangered wildlife) backing onto Puriri Park. The Dog run is well patronized and there were altercations between feral campers and residents. Many of the campers had no toilets and some had dogs that roamed into the reserve. We had vans opening the gates and driving into the run and camping inside. You must keep this camper free as it has been since your new signage went in.

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It is a perfect place for well appointed campers. But it's culturally significant to some.

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John st dog run and Purriri Park and nature reserve must stay as they are, camper free.

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### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6919
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	NZ Dairy Workers Union
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Newcastle-Ngaruawahia General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
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<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	
I feel freedom camping should have as little impact as possible on the area used. Campers move on, local residents should not have their environment impacted by what is left.	
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<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6909
<b>Name:</b>	Benjamin Monk
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Tuakau-Pokeno General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Due to the impact on local residents. This could see an increase in the number of people freedom camping in one area at a time. Three day is sufficient and the duration is likely to only be an issue for problematic stayers.

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

I believe the distance should be at least 1km.

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

Yes

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### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

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**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

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Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

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Yes

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Pokeno waterfall is in a residential area and needs to be considered. Freedom camping has been causing unwanted noise and littering as there is insufficient facilities at the site.

Google maps pin:

[https://www.google.com/maps?sca\\_esv=555605304&rlz=1C1GCEA\\_enNZ1053NZ1053&output=search&q=pokeno+waterfall&source=Inms&entry=mc&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwj6M-jhdOAAxVuTmwGHYqICzsQ0pQJegQIChAB](https://www.google.com/maps?sca_esv=555605304&rlz=1C1GCEA_enNZ1053NZ1053&output=search&q=pokeno+waterfall&source=Inms&entry=mc&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwj6M-jhdOAAxVuTmwGHYqICzsQ0pQJegQIChAB)

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**SUBMITTER INFORMATION**

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6893
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Western Districts General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Yes
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	NZ
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Currently Port Waikato has limited parking areas (even without Sunset Beach, which I understand is except from this rule anyway ie. no freedom camping allowed in the carpark) and our coastline

and infrastructure is already under pressure from visitors in summer. Actively discourage freedom campers from being able to stay more than the existing 3 nights/month.

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No

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Requirement needs to be 500m< to offer any real control. 1km more realistic.

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Show some professionalism and update your aerial images to reflect the current area even available at the Sunset Beach carpark.

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**PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION**

**SUBMITTER INFORMATION**

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6892
<b>Name:</b>	Sheryl Rasmussem
<b>Organisation:</b>	Ratepayer of Port Waikato
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Tuakau-Pokeno General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Far too many restrictions now. One rule for all campers. No exemptions.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Self contained should be able to be just that not just a sticker on the little vans that would have to be very small people to use their toilets

**SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES**

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**Please help us understand your response:**

It's reasonable

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

Stick to the rules don't abuse it

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No harm done by that. Can't say many would anyway too scarey

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Being reasonable at all times. Park if a spot. Already restricted. Leave as is

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I think Maraetai Bay should be used for camper vans. A toilet is available and plenty of room. Playground for youngsters

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Port Waikato should have space for freedom camping for everyone to enjoy. Maraetai Bay a perfect option

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6883
<b>Name:</b>	Keith Wooderson
<b>Organisation:</b>	Raglan Congregational Church
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Yes
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	Yes
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### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom</b>	Yes
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**camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

Yes

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### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

*We are proposing to add two new prohibited areas on Wainui Road in Raglan – one near the water treatment ponds, and one near Wainui Reserve bush park.*

**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

THIS IS AN IDEAL PLACE TO HAVE CAMPERS PARK, AWAY FROM RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

**Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

IT IS A RIDICULOUS IDEA TO MIX PROHIBITED AREA WITH RESTRICTED AREA IN THE CBD (See attached letter for reasons why this is opposed)

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

- *Manu Bay reserve and surrounding area, 696 Wainui Road, Raglan and that section of Wainui Road adjacent to the Manu Bay reserve.*
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- *Lorenzen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise*

Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

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We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.

<b>Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

THIS SEEMS A VERY SUITABLE PLACE TO RETAIN RESTRICTED PARKING

We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited and restricted areas in Ngaaruawaahia, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions and restrictions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.

*Prohibited:*

- Waikato Esplanade, 1-52 Waikato Esplanade
- Patterson Park
- Horotiu Bridge carpark area
- Waingaro Road, section at end of Hakarimata track
- Hakarimata Track carpark area, Brownlee Ave
- 451-477 Old Taupiri Road, Hopuhopu.

*Restricted:*

- Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia Lower Waikato Esplanade, where freedom camping is restricted to a designated area, and the area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.

Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Ngaaruawaahia. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.

<b>Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.

Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUPHATA

We are proposing to reduce the current area where vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Te Kauphata Domain on Mahi Road, to limit freedom camping to one end of the carpark. The area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.

<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

I COULD NOT GAIN AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS AIMED TO BE ACHIEVED.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT

#### **Onewhero**

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in the Onewhero area. Currently, vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Onewhero Domain at 14 Hall Road, in a designated area, when the area is not required for events. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	Yes
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

#### **Tuakau**

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in Tuakau. Currently, freedom camping at the St. Stephens car park at 8 St. Stephens Avenue is restricted to the signposted part of the carpark only, between 6pm and 10am with a maximum stay of two nights. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

#### **Other Areas**

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

**Please tell us what you think about any areas that are not currently covered, or proposed to be covered, by the bylaw. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### ANY OTHER INFORMATION

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

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This submission supersedes the earlier one I made (Submission number 6868)

**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

See next pages.



## CHURCH @ STEWART STREET

### RAGLAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

3 Stewart Street

RAGLAN 3225

02 August 2023

#### **WDC Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023 Submission**

It was brought to the attention of the Raglan Congregational Church governing body by a church member that the Council intended to amend the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016. This proposed Bylaw directly affects the Raglan Congregational Church which is located 1-5 Stewart Street. With this knowledge representatives of the Church attended the Community Board meeting on Tuesday 25 July and it was confirmed at that meeting that the western end of Stewart Street was currently a prohibited area and that plans were afoot to allow some restricted parking directly in front of the church and hall.

We understand from the above meeting and sourcing information on line that the Western end of Stewart Street, Map Reference no. WDC\_2016\_28, [Raglan CBD] parking area adjacent to 1 to 5 Stewart Street, is a prohibited area. The proposal is that this area be changed to a 'Restricted' area allowing self-contained vehicles parking in that location.

At our Church Leaders Meeting on 2 August 2023 this proposal was discussed and it was agreed that I write on behalf of the Church and oppose any change to the current parking arrangement.

#### **The reasons the church management oppose any change to site WDC\_2016\_28 [Raglan CBD] on Stewart Street are:**

1. **We wish to protect the area** and the historic church that is erected on it. The church building itself represents 128 plus years of service to the community providing spiritual connection to the Lord Jesus Christ and Creator God, with the large grassed area providing peace and the presence of Holy Spirit, God's comforter. This area is always open to the public to stroll, refresh and reflect. It has within its confines water taps that have been seen to provide moisture to the parched strolling person and dog. However the church is fitted with Council water metres and must pay for all water consumption. We currently provide and pay for the water for the many people who use our facilities and our property but would be adverse in wanting to supply all the vans with water at our cost as they filled their containers from our accessible taps. Securing access to these taps for the churches use would be costly and would disadvantage those who use it at our cost now.
2. **We wish to protect access to the area.** Currently the property is unfenced and it is managements desire to have it remain unfenced so that the public can appreciate the park like grounds and have the freedom to enjoy them. Cost to fence our property would be horrendous and be contrary to what we want to offer the community. It is often used as a children's playground and for summer picnickers. People, who want to take their evening stroll in the grounds, could feel threatened by the vans that could proliferate the area in the evenings. Many of the vehicles being used as sleeper vans, generally rentals, are covered in graffiti that are insulting to the general public and totally opposed to the doctrine and spiritual values of the Bible and the Christian Church.
3. **We wish to protect the safety and health of the people in the area.** Some small sleeper vans even though classed as self contained, in contrast to the larger self-contained vehicles that do, often choose to use the outside areas for their bathroom habits. History has proven that our



property has been used in the past to urinate or defecate on. This has been sighted by Church members. It is bad enough picking up after the lazy dog owner without subjecting our congregation to this. Our grounds are used by the local community in the warmer/dryer months for the local Growers Market, a weekly evening event that requires not only the use of our grounds but available parking in the evening. The street is well used by people walking to and from school, to and from the play centre/kindergarten operating two doors up from the proposed location and the health and safety of all who walk the street could be compromised. Then there is the aspect of rubbish disposal. The church wrote to the Council and requested a rubbish receptacle in February 2009 as our mail box gets used as a rubbish bin on a regular basis, with our mail being contaminated with general rubbish, soiled disposable nappies and used condoms. Always a 'treasure' to deal with for church members tasked with clearing the mail. Currently a health and safety issue, without it being exaggerated by allowing a row of campervans to park there legally. As an aside Council wrote to the church declining the request to provide a rubbish receptacle in the area at that time. Copy of letter available if required.

4. **Great effort went in to opposing this in 2016.** On reading the submissions from 2016, I am amazed that Council should choose to revisit opening this area up to restricted parking in the middle of a prohibited parking area in the CBD. I provide one quote from submitter No 39, David Hall on behalf of the Police. *"The proposed areas on Wainui Road and Stewart Street are within the Liquor Ban area for the town. There is potential for campers to breach the liquor ban whilst living in their caravans. The proximity of the campers is too close to the CBD that in turn possess potential safety risks for persons moving to and from the CBD and licensed establishments. There are also potential risks to campers if they come in to contact with intoxicated persons leaving licensed premises at night....."*

Church management oppose extending these approximately 13 parks for Freedom Camper Van Parking on Stewart Street.

**The Raglan Congregational Church management request the site Western end of Stewart Street, Map Reference no. WDC\_2016\_28 parking area adjacent to 1 to 5 Stewart Street, allowing restricted parking be removed from the Proposed Waikato District Council Freedom Camping\_Bylaw\_2023 document.**

The submitter below or another member of the Church management committee requests permission to speak to this submission.

Keith Wooderson  
For Leadership Team

*Supporting documentation attached on next pages.*

Proposed Freedom Campsites BYLAW 2016.

Submitter No	Submitter Name	31 Organisation/On Behalf Of
24	Chris Aitchison	Submission
<b>Category: Do you support the bylaw?</b>		
<b>Submission</b>		<b>Staff Recommendation</b>
<p>No - Stewart Street is a residential street, people live on this street with families, having campers in vehicles either contained or not is not something that can be possible. - The car park spaces proposed would be extremely dangerous; car parks are not built / designed for camping. It would only be a short time before somebody hits a camping vehicle or camper. - It is close to a corner, again highly dangerous - Busy road at times, having numerous campers parked, cooking and being oblivious is dangerous. - Church grounds would be used by campers, this is a community garden and not a campers cooking location which will happen. - Toilets well go to the public toilets and over run those are just leave the sanitary mess on the road or again in the gardens. - The car park spaces are used, even during the suggested times, these used spaces would means cars having to park elsewhere therefore leading to more traffic issues and increased parking in overcrowded areas. - Wainui road car parks, again these spaces are used, it would be dangerous, emergency services</p>		<p>Traffic and safety concerns have been raised about this location. It is appropriate given this information to withdraw this area from the bylaw.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	46 Organisation/On Behalf Of
39	David Hall	Police
<b>Category: Do you support the bylaw?</b>		
<b>Submission</b>		<b>Staff Recommendation</b>
<p>No - On behalf of Raglan Police we submit the following; The proposed location of Freedom Campers near the Raglan Fire Station could pose a risk if too many campers were to congregate in this area and cause delays to rescue and emergency services moving to and from the Fire Station Area. The proposed areas on Wainui Road and Stewart Street are within the Liquor Ban area for the town. There is potential for campers to breach the liquor ban whilst living in their caravans. The proximity of the campers is too close to the CBD that in turn possess potential safety risks for persons moving to and from the CBD and licenced establishments. There are also potential risks to campers if they come into contact with intoxicated persons leaving licenced premises late at night. There is no public toilet facility open or available 24 hours, seven days a week. The risk is that campers could cause disorder by making use of other areas for toileting and disposal of rubbish. The congregation of campers will attract other persons and potentially raise the risk of disorderly behaviour of petty crime to take place. Freedom camping is not about a matter of convenience. Where attempts are made to accommodate this type of activity in other parts of the country it has been meet with negative reporting and minor conflicts.</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn. It has also been identified that in order to protect this areas for use by emergency services it will be identified as a prohibited area for freedom camping.</p> <p>A clause could be added to the proposed bylaw that allows for the CE to close an area like this; Christchurch City Council has the following which has been put in the draft bylaw. COUNCIL MAY TEMPORARILY CLOSE AN AREA TO FREEDOM CAMPING</p> <p>(1) The Chief Executive of the Council may temporarily close or restrict freedom camping in any area or part of any area where the closure or restriction is considered necessary to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>prevent damage to the local authority area or facilities in the area; or</li> <li>allow maintenance to the local authority area or facilities; or</li> <li>protect the safety of persons or property; or</li> <li>provide for better public access, including in circumstances where events are planned for that area.</li> </ol> <p>(2) Notice will be given of any temporary closure or restriction, and the removal of any closure or restriction, in any manner the Chief Executive considers is appropriate to the reason for the closure or restriction. Prior notice of any temporary closure or restriction will be given where possible.</p> <p>The following note is explanatory and is not part of the Bylaw: Notice given by the Council may include any of the following: a sign erected in the area; and/or advertising on the Council's website or on the radio; and/or a public notice in the paper."</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	57 Organisation/On Behalf Of
47	Norma Benseman	
<b>Category: Do you support the bylaw?</b>		
<b>Submission</b>		<b>Staff Recommendation</b>
<p>Yes - People are parking up overnight on what is a narrow road. Accidents have nearly occurred in the past (wharf road). Recommendation for restrictions or prohibit area: prohibit freedom camping to prevent accidents occurring.</p> <p>I support freedom camping but suggest changing your wording 'Freedom certified self-containment camping'. I oppose suggestion of using parking area down fire station locals catch the bus from here, tramping clubs. Transferring patients 'ambulances to helicopter' fire brigade, would cause on-going trouble. Stewart St I oppose is busy Church, kindergarten, Market, Church Hall, local functions. Do you realise this includes big motor homes as well as juicy vans, these people do not bring a lot of money into town, 'so why consider upsetting locals, who do support raglan. Sites I propose "would be to work out something with Rugby Club, maybe a small charge their club. 2nd suggestion would be grass verge down by dog exercise yard. 3 truck heavy metal over grass area toilets back down cliff street maybe water tap. Being a self-contained motor homer myself this area away from the busy streets etc. is what these people like can sleep in. "that's what holidays are about" would not appreciated moving on at 8 o'clock in morning and coming in for our night stay 8 in evenings.</p>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn.</p>

Submitter No	Submitter Name	55 Organisation/On Behalf Of
46	Julia Brown	
<b>Category: Do you support the bylaw?</b>		
<b>Submission</b>		<b>Staff Recommendation</b>
<p>No - It has just been brought to our notice via an article in the Raglan Chronicle 19th May edition, that the Waikato District Council has proposed a bylaw to enable Freedom camping at the Wainui Road carpark by the Fire station, and at the Western end of Stewart St adjacent to Nos 1-5 Stewart St.</p> <p>My husband and I submit that these venues are completely unsuitable for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Neither venue is sufficiently close to toilet facilities to encourage those in non-self-contained vehicles to trek along to the toilets by the museum. And one can just imagine such campers urinating (or worse) in the Church grounds or around the fire station in the wee hours (excuse the pun) of the morning.</li> <li>2. Neither venue has bins for rubbish containment, and it is well-known that even where bins are supplied many freedom campers do not avail themselves of such, but empty all sorts of waste on the ground. Recently I visited just such a site on the Coromandel, and picked up a lot of household rubbish that had spilled all over the ground, and then clearly been visited by animals. We do not want such eye sores on the main thoroughfares. AS secretary of the Union Parish I often find rubbish stuffed in to the Church Letterbox. This would only become more frequent if freedom camping was allowed there. Xtreme waste trucks would have to service the areas daily (twice daily in summer), adding to congestion in already busy carparks.</li> <li>3. The definition for freedom camp in this proposed by law 'means to camp (other than camping ground) within 200m of a motor accessible area using one or more of the following: (a) a tent or other temporary structure: (b) a caravan: (c) a car, campervan, house truck or other motor vehicle'. This means that campers can now avoid the time-honoured way of camping at the local camping ground, and put their tents up etc. at the side of the fire station car park, and on the Church grounds. Why should they not pay the camping fees as others are prepared to do at camping grounds? What happens if a helicopter needs to land and there are tents all around the copter pad?</li> <li>4. Freedom campers will be asked to vacate the area by 8am. How many freedom campers are going to observe this rule and be away by 8am? Already the parking area at the fire station is near full by 9am on weekdays, and the overflow is increasingly going on Stewart Street about that same time. It is much the same at weekends, especially on the monthly craft market Sunday operating as well as the Church Service. Who is going to police that these freedom campers would leave on time? Also campers can only park in</li> </ol>		<p>A number of issues have been identified relating to the permitted areas in Raglan. This includes concerns regarding noise, rubbish and access to the area. As a result it is recommended that these areas are withdrawn.</p> <p>The Kopua Domain is a high use area and will create conflict with other users. The use of any reserve for freedom camping will assessed as part of the reserve management plan process which will take into account the current and future use of the reserve area.</p> <p>Staff are intending to develop a webpage informing freedom campers of the options available in the Waikato District.</p>

these areas from 8pm onward. On wet, dark winter nights how many will want to park and get settled earlier? And then along comes some locals to attend an evening meeting at the fire station or Church/Hall only to find there is no parking for them. That is not right. And again, who is going to monitor this?

5. Freedom campers need to be near a shower, toilet facility, and running water and neither venue provides these.

Our proposals are as follows:

1. That Council: A) rescind the present bylaw venues at the Fire Station carpark and Stewart Street.

B) allow freedom campers to use the Kopua Domain where there are shower/toilet and running water facilities, a grey water disposal sump, as well as rubbish containers with space for Xtreme Waste trucks to turn, and/or

C) that Council purchase a suitable piece of fenced land, and erect the needed facilities, to be known exclusively as a freedom campers domain.

D) that Council re-word its present bylaw to allow 'freedom camping' only vehicles with current self-contained warrants displayed, who could then camp at (b) and (c) above. And that Council approach the Kokiri Marae Camping authorities, who have suitable facilities and minimal charges already in place, to advertise that they have camping for non-self-contained vehicles for the price of 'two cups of coffee'- that's not asking too much, surely.

## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6881
<b>Name:</b>	Greg Wiechern
<b>Organisation:</b>	Ngaruawahia Community Board
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Newcastle-Ngaruawahia General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Yes
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	Have freedom camped in South Waikato, Western Bay of Plenty, Tauranga City and planning to go all over New Zealand
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	Yes
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	All events

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

The Act is new and the bylaw should closely match to remove the risk of confusion by freedom campers.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

The standard provides a minimum standard for self containment

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

I am an Administrator for the NZ Motor Home Friends Facebook page and put the question to members. The majority felt that 3 nights in a calendar month was an adequate period so that

other freedom campers get to enjoy the available camps. There were some who felt that the 5 day period was better, especially over the quieter months.

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

Probably very hard to manage.

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

Yes

**If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Allocation of more freedom camping areas would be great. Motorhomers spend money in areas that they stay in, and are more likely to stay in allocated areas that are safe. (Safety in numbers)

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN

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**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

I do not have a response for this question

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*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

**Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

A safe area to park for smaller self contained freedom campers. No use to larger vehicles

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- *Bridal Veil Falls Carpark, Kawhia Road, Te Mata*
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- *Earles Place*
- *Raglan Wharf*
- *Lorenzen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise*

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Comparing with freedom camping in other Districts, some of these areas would be suitable as restricted areas, overnight only.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

Need to consider the size of the restricted area, especially if extending the bylaw to 5 days from 3 days. Currently the area used is larger than that mapped.

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited and restricted areas in Ngaaruawaahia, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions and restrictions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

*Prohibited:*

- *Waikato Esplanade, 1-52 Waikato Esplanade*
- *Patterson Park*
- *Horotiu Bridge carpark area*
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Some pertinent thoughts on Freedom camping attached as background reading



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See following pages.

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Freedom Camping Report  
Greg Wiechern – Ngaruawahia Community Board

What exactly is freedom camping and what does it mean to ratepayers?

The camper/motorhomes: Freedom campers come in all shapes and sizes, whether it is a \$5000 van that has been converted to meet the Certified self contained standard NZS 5465, or a \$500,000 self contained professionally built motorhome. To meet this standard, the vehicle must have water and waste water systems to last the certified number of occupants for a minimum of 3 days.

The occupants: It is important to understand the variety of people who travel and stay at freedom camping zones.

1) Young travellers in simple camper vans, often from overseas. These travellers will generally be moving through New Zealand, staying in freedom campsites, often for a single night at each. These travellers may stay occasionally in camp grounds and Department of Conservation camps. Generally these young people will be travelling on a tight budget, with spending limited to food, fuel, running expenses and money for entrance fees to tourist attractions along the way. Camp grounds will generally be too expensive for them to stay at apart from the occasional night as they will be travelling for an extended period.

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3) New Zealanders in their own camper vans, caravans and motorhomes.

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b) Other New Zealand travellers. These travellers are likely to use a mix of Department of Conservation camps, freedom camp sites and some commercial camp grounds.

4) People and families in tents. Unfortunately this group are poorly catered for with many freedom camp sites being unavailable. Tents cannot be issued with self containment, although the vehicle that they travel in can be. For some families, the cost of commercial campsites and Department of Conservation camps are prohibitively expensive.

Why do people freedom camp:

1) Because the campsites have no charge

2) Many freedom campsites are in spectacular positions, on reserve areas adjacent to rivers, lakes and beaches that can't be used for other purposes and give access to walking tracks, bike trails and local attractions.

3) The enjoyment of selecting a spot away from other people that commercial camp grounds are unable to provide, yet close enough to others for security.

4) Being able to travel without booking

The benefits of the motorhome life:

1) Self contained campers generally have a small environmental foot print. Due to the size of their camper/caravan/motorhome tanks they use only a small quantity of water. (Personally we use about 35 litres of water per day for two people, including cooking, washing and showering)

Due to the size of the vehicles, heating requirements for warmth is minimal.

Many campers/motorhomes have enough solar panels to be self sufficient for most of the year

2) For the 'Grey Nomads', (semi or retired people) there is 'Adventure before Dementia'. a) For some, they have a permanent property somewhere in the country and they will travel for weeks or months in different parts of New Zealand before returning home.

b) For some, their motorhome is their home and they will live in it full time while they are physically capable. For some this is by choice, for others, it is due to financial considerations.

3) There are valuable social considerations, especially for solo travellers. These include people who have lost a partner due to death or separation.

4) The freedom of living in a motorhome anywhere where internet is available, for people who can work online,

The cost to ratepayers:

Motorhomes have a small environmental footprint. Most Councils and some businesses provide fresh water and dump stations. Generally quantities of rubbish and recycling are minimal.

The benefits for ratepayers:

1) Spending within the locality by the campers, including purchase of food, fuel, repairs, laundromats, items from small businesses. Spending is likely to be similar or greater than similar sized households and some local sports and social clubs get a boost to their funding from providing overnight parking.

The NZMCA alone has over 60,000 members, a valuable resource for local businesses and clubs within the Waikato District if promoted properly.

Other Councils:

Many Councils support freedom camping for both motorhomes and some also have areas for people with tents.

There are 58 towns within New Zealand that promote themselves as Motorhome friendly.

Local Motorhome friendly towns include Paeroa, TeAroha, Morrinsville, Cambridge and Matamata. There are none in the Waikato District.

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In conclusion:

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

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I certainly have many concerns regarding Stewart Street becoming available for freedom camping. If it is so important for council to provide areas for freedom camping then why not make areas on all the reserves eg by the museum or Kopua or even up on Wainui reserve available.

These areas have rubbish bins & toilets available whereas Stewart Street does not!

I'm actually surprised if the church is happy as I'm sure their grounds would be used rather than campers staying in their vans for cooking etc.

The people who have already been sleeping in their vans on Stewart St hopefully use their own toilets in their vans, I don't think so!

I have seen one in particular heading to use the toilets by museum on my way to work.

They're certainly not self contained.

Raglan is so short of parking as it is without giving this area to freedom campers.

The church have their services/funerals & hall is used for various functions, dancing, horticulture club weddings, dinners & parties etc, should this parking not be for people attending these events?

The Friday growers market will start again for the Summer & the street is packed on these evenings.

Youth groups camp there in the summer holidays.

Kids play there on summer evenings, including my grandchildren. How safe will they be?

The Old School market day also sees the street parking & side streets all packed.

The Kindy is so close although they are unable to get out but still is it appropriate to have freedom camping so close.

On a final note, I've had them parked outside my house & just felt my private space was invaded! He did move on, however should never have been there at all. I can imagine parking would spread out if designated area was full, which would mean illegal parking.

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- I know the idea is to use the toilets at joyce petchell park but that won't happen , already the people that stay illegally do their toilets on the grass verge alot.
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<b>camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	
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**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?</b>	Yes
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<b>Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?</b>	Yes
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<b>Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Stewart st Raglan should remain a prohibited area for the following reasons...

It is a very highly used community area with a Kindy a Church and church hall an art centre plus residential houses all within very close proximity to the proposed camping area and used on a regular basis by other community groups as well such as markets, exercise groups and meetings. I don't think the road is wide enough as Stewart st has two lanes with general diagonal parking opposite the proposed site, the campervans will also be parked diagonally and protrude on to the road within one of these lanes.

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**SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT****Onewhero**

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**Other Areas**

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**ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6838
<b>Name:</b>	Jay Kelly
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	I do not have a response for the question
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**Please help us understand your response:**

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

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<b>Sub ID:</b>	6801
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
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Freedom campers should not be in an area of high community use.

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I don't support a restricted freedom camping area in Stewart st Raglan because it is an area which has an art centre, Kindy, Church and is in a residential area. Besides the normal daily activities associated with these places there are often food and craft markets.

It is in my opinion very naive to think all freedom campers are legally self contained and that they will move each morning at this early time.

Who will check every camper every day twice a day to make sure none are there before 5p.m. or after 8a.m. or if they are legally "self contained"?

I live nearby and in the last few summers campers have been in Stewart st and have at times been seen urinating on the Church hall and surrounding area where children play.

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6795
<b>Name:</b>	Gareth Bellamy
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

A porta potty in the back of a station wagon is not self contained and i doubt used anyway. Self contained has a separate toilet and shower that is permanently fixed, has plumbing so it can be correctly discharged in a waste system

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3 nights is enough as parking spaces will be occupied for too long a period

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

To cumbersome to manage, not enough council staff to monitor. Its a good intent, but just moves the same people around the same spots, suggest increasing distance to 1km

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

Other: This excludes on street parking right?. I support excluding the rugby ground parking in raglan

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Not enough signage advising places. Change the permitted location to be near existing toilets like Stewart st, the carpark near fire station, end of main st, near start of cliff st in raglan. Do not support cliff st ,riri kereopa mem drive, wharf being permitted.

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**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Need more signage at the prohibited locations and more monitoring

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

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### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

**Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

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<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT

#### **Onewhero**

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	Yes
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

#### **Tuakau**

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	Yes
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#### **Other Areas**

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See earlier comment about raglan

### ANY OTHER INFORMATION

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**



## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6793
<b>Name:</b>	Gary Stenersen
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	I do not reside in Waikato District
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	Waitrarere Beach
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Yes
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	Anywhere i can do so
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

There is nothing wrong using a porta potty its not the mode that causes the problem its people. We need better education re freedom camping and your requirements to be able to do so.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

3 nights dosent really give enough time to all local attractions

<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Why move only 500 meters total waste of time

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?</b>	No
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Better education

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

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<b>Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

<b>Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Helps support local business

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<b>Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Its a great place to stay

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Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?	Yes
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Please help us understand your response:

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Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?	Yes
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Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?	Yes
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Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.

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**PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION**

**SUBMITTER INFORMATION**

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6784
<b>Name:</b>	Charlie Young
<b>Organisation:</b>	Whaingaroa Raglan Destination Management Organisation
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Other: I support changes in part.
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**Please help us understand your response:**

I'm not in support of the 5 day allowable limit for freedom camping in Raglan. This is excessive and not required to meet the market of attracting freedom campers. During the highest demand seasons the communities economic benefits are reduced as the available space turnover is reduced. Visitors are more likely to spend more \$\$ setting themselves up for shopping and activities expenses during their initial 2-3 days after arrival.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Proper "self contained" is essential to reduce potential impacts from portable toilets. In practice campers will not use their portable toilets in lieu of using any adjacent landscaping... ie they don't like the hassle of finding and utilising effluent disposal stations...and cleaning requirements.

**SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES**

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any</b>	No
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<b>month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	
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**Please help us understand your response:**

See previous response. Reduced community economic benefits.

There are no factual basis or spending data that backs up what seems as an arbitrary nights stay designation.

<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Yes
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<b>Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

I do not support any changes to the current prohibited zones in the CBD area.

The residents along Stewart Street will be subjected to the associated nuisances with freedom camping.

The negatives far outweigh any potential benefits from accommodating freedom campers in this area.

There will be no backlash from Central govt for maintaining our prohibited zones. But there will be a greater chance of resident backlash to this proposal.

If it ain't broke ...don't fix it!!

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**Please help us understand your response:**

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**PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION**

**SUBMITTER INFORMATION**

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6781
<b>Name:</b>	Dan Barnett
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	I do not reside in Waikato District
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	Moerewa, Northland
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
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**Please help us understand your response:**

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**Please help us understand your response:**

NZ Standard 5465:2001 was only ever a voluntary standard setup by a commercial entity to benefit themselves

**SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES**

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Other: Need a definition of what a particular area is
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Need a definition of what a particular area is. Is the entire Waikato, North Wakiato, South Waikato, Just a town

<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Other: This VERY MUCH seems to be contra to Point 5 above
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**Please help us understand your response:**

This VERY MUCH seems to be contra to Point 5 above SO move at least 500 metres after 5 days is up BUT then stay in the area. CONFUSION

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?</b>	Yes
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**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

I do not have a response for this question

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**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Ngaaruawaahia. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

**Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

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<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT

#### **Onewhero**

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in the Onewhero area. Currently, vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Onewhero Domain at 14 Hall Road, in a designated area, when the area is not required for events. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	Yes
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

#### **Tuakau**

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	Yes
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#### **Other Areas**

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

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### ANY OTHER INFORMATION

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

**PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION**

**SUBMITTER INFORMATION**

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6722
<b>Name:</b>	Mark Jorey
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	I do not reside in Waikato District
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	No Fixed Abode
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Yes
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	Anywhere suitable in NZ
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	

**RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS**

**SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW**

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

The Self-contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act 2023 is not clear or fully understood as yet and was unsupported by all political parties except Labour so I am sure it will be repealed if we have a change of Govt

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

I support Self Contained to the Standard but not Certified as this is full of interpretation.

**SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES**

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

Yes

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### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

*We are proposing to add two new prohibited areas on Wainui Road in Raglan – one near the water treatment ponds, and one near Wainui Reserve bush park.*

**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

You have not explained why this is necessary. If you prohibit an area you should open up a new area of the same size space or larger in a nearby area to allow freedom camping, also include Bins and or Toilets if necessary.

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**Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

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- *Lorenzen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise*

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Please try to allow for Freedom Campers in as many places as possible and supply services such as Bins/ recycle and Toilets if possible.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Why?

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<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Appears to be enough room for a few

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	Yes
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### ANY OTHER INFORMATION

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6675
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Newcastle-Ngaruawahia General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Yes
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	Have freedom camped across NZ from top of the north to bottom of the south. Different councils welcome freedom campers while others do not.
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	Please keep my name private in any public documents

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	No
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

A self-contained vehicle (SCV) must be able to support the number of persons approved in the certification for at least three days. If extending the days to five then many of the smaller SCVs will have to move on earlier or may not have sufficient storage onboard to support the extra days and there may well be disposal issues as the next problem.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

It brings every SCV in to a reasonable standard

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

A SCV must have the ability to hold water, grey and black water and rubbish for three days. Many of the small SCV and some of the larger ones do not and will not have the capacity for this. Three nights is reasonable.

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

This restricts other short term visitors to a freedom camping spot. How will this be monitored?

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**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

Yes

**If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Having travelled the length and breadth of NZ in a fully SC caravan we have found that at times we have had to visit a dump station or top up with water at day three. We have freedom camped in the BOP area and had security taking our number plates at night to ensure we do not breach their freedom camping time frames. Unless we have security monitoring across the district, then extending to a five day stay will impact those wanting short visits to our FC areas. The Point Ngaruawahia is an example where recently, a converted truck was parked for over a month.

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

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**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

Water treatment pond area is a workplace site. The bush area car park is such and should be available to those wanting to use this area without having overnight vehicles taking all the carparks.

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

**Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?**

Other: Restricted parking with no parking between 8am and 5pm

**Please help us understand your response:**

With the restaurants and bars in close proximity this would encourage support of the local businesses

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**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

I believe the initial map was incorrect. The parks available for FC initially, from memory 4 parks, were opposite the toilet block and NOT the area of the Squash Club carpark. I believe these 4 parks should be available for FC. By restricting SCV at The Point you are denying visitors the beauty of the area, the ability to walk to town, support local businesses, visit the Hakarimata track and use the Te Awa cycleway. Many of those travelling in fully SCV have their bikes with them.

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I believe the area of Croall Crescent should be included. It is a small grassed area with no kerbing, the single lane road is also the footpath. A recent accident on Great South Road, with a diversion down Croall Crescent and Thomas Street highlighted this one lane road is not suitable for large vehicles or heavy or additional traffic. A survey of Croall Crescent residents taken by the Ngaruawahia Community Board in c2015 showed the concerns regarding extra traffic on Croall Crescent when the proposed housing development on Great South Road was in early stages. They were happy not to have a footpath (as there was no room for this) but did not want additional through traffic due to the narrowness of the road and safety concerns for the children.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

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**Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

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**Please help us understand your response:**

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**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?**

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**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?**

I do not have a response for this question

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***Other Areas***

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6664
<b>Name:</b>	Patricia Rosemary Morris
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	No
<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	
I do not support this as I think they should go to camping grounds.	
<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	
as above	
<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom</b>	No

camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?

Please help us understand your response:

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Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?

Yes

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<b>Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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**Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

**SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUPHATA**

*We are proposing to reduce the current area where vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Te Kauphata Domain on Mahi Road, to limit freedom camping to one end of the carpark. The area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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Please help us understand your response:

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT

#### **Onewhero**

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in the Onewhero area. Currently, vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Onewhero Domain at 14 Hall Road, in a designated area, when the area is not required for events. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	Yes
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

#### **Tuakau**

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	Yes
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#### **Other Areas**

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

**Please tell us what you think about any areas that are not currently covered, or proposed to be covered, by the bylaw. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### ANY OTHER INFORMATION

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

dont agree with it

**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6652
<b>Name:</b>	Jan Sedgwick
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Waerenga-Whitikahu General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	South Island.
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

#### SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW

*We are proposing changes to the Bylaw to more closely align it to the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act).*

*These changes include:*

*Key Change 1 - Amending the purpose of the Bylaw to align it with the Act.*

*Key Change 2 - Incorporating key definitions from the Act.*

*Key Change 5 - Clarifying the process and requirements for exemption applications.*

*Key Change 6 - New information requirements on temporary closures.*

*More information on these changes can be found in the Statement of Proposal at the top right of this page.*

<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Yes
<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	
Yes in part - see later re numbers of nights	
<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	I do not have a response for the question
<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	
An a RV user, we have found lengthening the stay period can create a sense of entitlement and encroachment into other spaces with additional equipment ( tables, extensions etc. It also limits the availability to other campers	

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

This is an odd rule; in places, a 500m move would not mean moving out of the freedom camping area. It is likely to have the same issues as previously stated, not the least is the difficulty and cost of monitoring.

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

Yes

**If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

*We are proposing to add two new prohibited areas on Wainui Road in Raglan – one near the water treatment ponds, and one near Wainui Reserve bush park.*

**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

**Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

- *Manu Bay reserve and surrounding area, 696 Wainui Road, Raglan and that section of Wainui Road adjacent to the Manu Bay reserve.*
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- *Wainui Road*
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- *Swann Access Road, Ruapuke Beach*
- *Ruapuke Beach Road*
- *Bridal Veil Falls Carpark, Kawhia Road, Te Mata*
- *Greenslade Road*

- Earles Place
- Raglan Wharf
- Lorenzen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

the 500m rule???? You would also want to ensure sufficient squash club parking is retained

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited and restricted areas in Ngaaruawaahia, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions and restrictions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

*Prohibited:*

- Waikato Esplanade, 1-52 Waikato Esplanade
- Patterson Park
- Horotiu Bridge carpark area
- Waingaro Road, section at end of Hakarimata track
- Hakarimata Track carpark area, Brownlee Ave
- 451-477 Old Taupiri Road, Hopuhopu.

*Restricted:*

- Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia Lower Waikato Esplanade, where freedom camping is restricted to a designated area, and the area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Ngaaruawaahia. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

**Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUPHATA

*We are proposing to reduce the current area where vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Te Kauwhata Domain on Mahi Road, to limit freedom camping to one end of the carpark. The area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

The community of domain users is supportive of this change, and has been lobbying for this since the previous bylaw came into effect. A reduced area will allow domain users to park in the parking area- currently not available to users for much of the time. The presence of freedom campers have significantly reduced crime in the domain, particularly to buildings and sports fields. More toilets are needed if this is going to be open to non self contained vehicles though. Again, three night limit is preferable here. We have had issues in Te Kauwhata trying to move people along and have had instances of overstaying by some months

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT**

#### ***Onewhero***

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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#### ***Other Areas***

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### **ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

If this is opened up to non self contained ( and clearly there is no ability to monitor as vans display "bogus stickers" ) then more infrastructure is needed - ie toilets, water etc

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6600
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	Please keep my name private.

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

#### SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW

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**Please help us understand your response:**

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	I do not have a response for the question
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**Please help us understand your response:**

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

I would prefer it be kept at 3 nights.



**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

I would prefer that they move away much further than 500m.

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

Yes

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**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

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**Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

I do not support Freedom camping being allowed on Stewart street. This is a busy street for people attending the Growers Market on Friday nights and the Old School Arts Centre. It is not Ok for locals to allow this area as a Freedom Camping area.

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- Raglan Wharf
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Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.

<b>Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?</b>	Yes
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Please help us understand your response:

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### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.

<b>Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?</b>	Yes
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Please help us understand your response:

We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.

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### SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUWHATA

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<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

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### SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT

#### **Onewhero**

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

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#### **Tuakau**

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

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#### **Other Areas**

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**Please tell us what you think about any areas that are not currently covered, or proposed to be covered, by the bylaw. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

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### ANY OTHER INFORMATION

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6596
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	None
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	I do not reside in Waikato District
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	TOKOROA
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	Kept Private

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

#### SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW

*We are proposing changes to the Bylaw to more closely align it to the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act).*

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

The council needs to put it out there and people need to ask where they can camp get a camping permit

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

By having a camping permit list of areas where people can camp.

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

It would be good to have camping people for only a few people during the school holidays.

<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

It's very important to keep your distance at a camping site to allow for more people.

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?</b>	Yes
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**If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

No

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

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<b>Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

People should leave the treatment ponds.

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

<b>Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Yes because it's very good for others.

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

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- *Greenslade Road*
- *Earles Place*
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- *Lorenzen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise*

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

The camping site should have a permit at all times.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

People should still keep their distance.

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited and restricted areas in Ngaaruawaahia, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions and restrictions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

*Prohibited:*

- *Waikato Esplanade, 1-52 Waikato Esplanade*
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**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Ngaaruawaahia. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

I think we need to keep areas cleaned.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

**Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

They should have more car parking for others

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

I think places are beautiful place more rubbish bins

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUPHATA

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<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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**Please help us understand your response:**

I never been here before

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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No

#### **Tuakau**

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	Yes
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Have a permit

#### **Other Areas**

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

**Please tell us what you think about any areas that are not currently covered, or proposed to be covered, by the bylaw. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

I think people need to stick to the rules

### ANY OTHER INFORMATION

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

N/A

**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6594
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	Please keep my name private.

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

#### SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW

*We are proposing changes to the Bylaw to more closely align it to the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act).*

*These changes include:*

*Key Change 1 - Amending the purpose of the Bylaw to align it with the Act.*

*Key Change 2 - Incorporating key definitions from the Act.*

*Key Change 5 - Clarifying the process and requirements for exemption applications.*

*Key Change 6 - New information requirements on temporary closures.*

*More information on these changes can be found in the Statement of Proposal at the top right of this page.*

<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	I do not have a response for the question
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

The current prohibited areas are not monitored at all and people are freedom camping every single day along the coast and at Manu Bay. There is a sign at one point along the road. There is detergent being put straight into the septic system that is unfiltered and running out into the ocean. There are ample sites for self contained or non self contained camping in Raglan which are inexpensive but people refuse to pay and refuse to park away from the coast. Stewart street is under review and should not be for freedom camping as there are regular markets here and the only kindergarten in Raglan and there is already limited parking.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any</b>	No
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month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?

Please help us understand your response:

It is not fair on residents of these areas.

Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?

I do not have a response for the question

Please help us understand your response:

500 m is not enough

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?

Yes

If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN

*We are proposing to add two new prohibited areas on Wainui Road in Raglan – one near the water treatment ponds, and one near Wainui Reserve bush park.*

Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?

I do not have a response for this question

Please help us understand your response:

I support the Stewart street change as this is parking for the local kindergarten and markets as well as parking for the local shops but parking next to the treatment ponds is acceptable.

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?

I do not have a response for this question

Please help us understand your response:

Stewart street should be included here.

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

- *Manu Bay reserve and surrounding area, 696 Wainui Road, Raglan and that section of Wainui Road adjacent to the Manu Bay reserve.*
- *Tohora Close, Calvert Road, Whale Bay*
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- Swann Access Road, Ruapuke Beach
- Ruapuke Beach Road
- Bridal Veil Falls Carpark, Kawhia Road, Te Mata
- Greenslade Road
- Earles Place
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- Lorenzen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Daily monitoring of prohibited areas is required.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited and restricted areas in Ngaaruawaahia, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions and restrictions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

*Prohibited:*

- Waikato Esplanade, 1-52 Waikato Esplanade
- Patterson Park
- Horotiu Bridge carpark area
- Waingaro Road, section at end of Hakarimata track
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*Restricted:*

- Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia Lower Waikato Esplanade, where freedom camping is restricted to a designated area, and the area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Ngaaruawaahia. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

**Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUWHATA

*We are proposing to reduce the current area where vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Te Kauwhata Domain on Mahi Road, to limit freedom camping to one end of the carpark. The area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	Yes
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Please help us understand your response:

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT

#### **Onewhero**

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in the Onewhero area. Currently, vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Onewhero Domain at 14 Hall Road, in a designated area, when the area is not required for events. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

#### **Tuakau**

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in Tuakau. Currently, freedom camping at the St. Stephens car park at 8 St. Stephens Avenue is restricted to the signposted part of the carpark only, between 6pm and 10am with a maximum stay of two nights. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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#### **Other Areas**

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### ANY OTHER INFORMATION

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**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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**PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION**

**SUBMITTER INFORMATION**

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6593
<b>Name:</b>	Katy McNamara
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	

**RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS**

**SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW**

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

I live at 8 James Street Raglan, and am not happy with those people using my treed property as a toilet

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

See my above answer

**SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES**

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Camping sites and van parks are available in Raglan, these should be utilised

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

Yes

**If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Cemeteries are precious, and special places for people who have relatives or friends buried there. Sacred places are not for freedom camping

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

*We are proposing to add two new prohibited areas on Wainui Road in Raglan – one near the water treatment ponds, and one near Wainui Reserve bush park.*

**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

The road is dangerous in these areas at the best of times, camping here will create hazards for drivers

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

**Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

These areas are close to town and businesses, so parking should be available for this reason

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- *Greenslade Road*
- *Earles Place*

- Raglan Wharf
- Lorenzen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise

Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.

**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

This is a beautiful public area, so campers should not be allowed to freedom camp here, it would spoil the ambience of the area

We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited and restricted areas in Ngaaruawaahia, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions and restrictions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.

*Prohibited:*

- Waikato Esplanade, 1-52 Waikato Esplanade
- Patterson Park
- Horotiu Bridge carpark area
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- Hakarimata Track carpark area, Brownlee Ave
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Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Ngaaruawaahia. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.

**Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.

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**SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUWHATA**

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<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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**Please help us understand your response:**

I live a long way from here so do not know the area

**SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT****Onewhero**

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in the Onewhero area. Currently, vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Onewhero Domain at 14 Hall Road, in a designated area, when the area is not required for events. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

I do not live in this region

**Tuakau**

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in Tuakau. Currently, freedom camping at the St. Stephens car park at 8 St. Stephens Avenue is restricted to the signposted part of the carpark only, between 6pm and 10am with a maximum stay of two nights. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

I do not live in this region so don't know the area

**Other Areas**

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

**Please tell us what you think about any areas that are not currently covered, or proposed to be covered, by the bylaw. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

**ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

I'm hoping that James Street Raglan will be a prohibited area, I'm sick of picking up their rubbish

**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**





## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6589
<b>Name:</b>	Rodger Gallagher
<b>Organisation:</b>	Rodger Gallagher
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

#### SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Other: I oppose the changes in Stewart Street, Raglan
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

Stewart Street, Raglan has five facilities that have evening events from 5pm until up to 10.30pm. People attending events at four of these facilities (Congregational Church, the Grower's Market Green, the Church Hall, Raglan Kindergarten) only have the street parking available. While Raglan Old School Arts Centre has off street parking for visitors, at larger evening events or when multiple events are on, then the parking in Stewart Street is used by patrons.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

The present system of using vans having port a potties and claiming these vehicles are self contained does not work.

### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any</b>	No
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<b>month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	
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**Please help us understand your response:**

3 days is long enough for a free stay.

<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

It will be easier to police

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?</b>	Yes
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### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

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<b>Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

These are important community facilities and van parking should not be allowed.

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

<b>Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

I have already covered this above. The restricted areas are key parking areas for community events in evenings. Allowing overnight parking in them would stop the Raglan community using the Stewart Street facilities in the evenings.

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

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**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

I support retaining these restrictions.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

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**Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?**

Yes

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<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6588
<b>Name:</b>	Pippa Berry-Cope
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Tamahere-Woodlands General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	I'm not a freedom camper, but I might do it one day when I get into #vanlife!
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

It clarifies a few things, and aligns the bylaw to current legislation.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Five nights seems reasonable to me.

<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom</b>	Yes
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camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?

Please help us understand your response:

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?

Yes

If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN

*We are proposing to add two new prohibited areas on Wainui Road in Raglan – one near the water treatment ponds, and one near Wainui Reserve bush park.*

Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?

I do not have a response for this question

Please help us understand your response:

I don't really know the area of the issue

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?

I do not have a response for this question

Please help us understand your response:

I'm not sure, as I don't know the area.

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

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- *Earles Place*
- *Raglan Wharf*



- *Lorenzen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise*

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

I don't know the area, so can't comment

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited and restricted areas in Ngaaruawaahia, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions and restrictions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

*Prohibited:*

- *Waikato Esplanade, 1-52 Waikato Esplanade*
- *Patterson Park*
- *Horotiu Bridge carpark area*
- *Waingaro Road, section at end of Hakarimata track*
- *Hakarimata Track carpark area, Brownlee Ave*
- *451-477 Old Taupiri Road, Hopuhopu.*

*Restricted:*

- *Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia Lower Waikato Esplanade, where freedom camping is restricted to a designated area, and the area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Ngaaruawaahia. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

**Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

I don't know the area

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

**SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUWHATA**

*We are proposing to reduce the current area where vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Te Kauwhata Domain on Mahi Road, to limit freedom camping to one end of the carpark. The area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

**Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

**SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT*****Onewhero***

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in the Onewhero area. Currently, vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Onewhero Domain at 14 Hall Road, in a designated area, when the area is not required for events. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

***Tuakau***

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in Tuakau. Currently, freedom camping at the St. Stephens car park at 8 St. Stephens Avenue is restricted to the signposted part of the carpark only, between 6pm and 10am with a maximum stay of two nights. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

***Other Areas***

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

**Please tell us what you think about any areas that are not currently covered, or proposed to be covered, by the bylaw. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

**ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**



## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6568
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	I do not reside in Waikato District
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	Auckland
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Yes
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	Whangarei district Very lovely and welcoming
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	Please keep my name out of it . Thanks.

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

#### SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW

*We are proposing changes to the Bylaw to more closely align it to the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act).*

*These changes include:*

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*Key Change 6 - New information requirements on temporary closures.*

*More information on these changes can be found in the Statement of Proposal at the top right of this page.*

<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Yes
<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	
Self contained motorhomers are very responsible respectful people. We are not "camping" We a staying in our otally self contained Bach on wheels.	
<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	
Should be purpose built vehicles such as motorhomes and campervans Not cars with a bottle.	

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	
Three nights seems to be long enough time to enjoy towns and locations.	

And the self contained toilets usually need emptying after 3 days anyway, so the vehicle can move on to another place when it leaves the spot to go to a dump station anyway

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

Move on and give someone else a change to enjoy the town and spend their money there.

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

Yes

**If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN

*We are proposing to add two new prohibited areas on Wainui Road in Raglan – one near the water treatment ponds, and one near Wainui Reserve bush park.*

**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

Why prohibit areas?

Cemeteries yes

But why other areas??

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

**Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

Wonderful

Nice safe area

Thanks

Yes please

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

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- Raglan Wharf
- Lorenzen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Why are so many areas prohibited???

It seems mean

Whangarei is a wonderful example of a welcoming town

Check their policies

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

So mean

Why?

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- Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia Lower Waikato Esplanade, where freedom camping is restricted to a designated area, and the area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Ngaaruawaahia. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

So many restrictions ..naasty.

You need to only allow members of

The NZMCA at least

We have very tight guidelines we follow

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

**Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

So mean  
 NZMCA should be allowed to stay anywhere  
 Our rules are so tight  
 We are perfect people in perfect vehicles

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**Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

So mean  
 I'm getting madder as I go on!!!  
 We are self contained  
 Half the time I only ever leave my motorhome to turn the gas on .  
 It is a real holiday home inside

**SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUWHATA**

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<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

I only support certified self contained vehicles  
 As they come with responsible people in them

**SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT****Onewhero**

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	Yes
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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	Yes
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#### **ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

You should look into NZMCA rules and requirements and offer more options for members.

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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**PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION**

**SUBMITTER INFORMATION**

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6567
<b>Name:</b>	Fiona Kahukura Chase
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	I do not reside in Waikato District
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	Taumarunui
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	I also want to add that I do not live in areas outline however I whakapapa to that whenua. Tangata whenua views should be sought, considered and actioned.
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	Yes
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	

**RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS**

**SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW**

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

The Act and the By-Law does not go far enough to protect Te Tai Ao.

What consideration have you or the Government given to Tangata whenua or Te Tiriti? If you have then you should have listed them so Iwi can see that your processes have followed tikanga.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Freedom camping ruins te Tai ao. These laws and bylaws are made to suit the wealthy that can afford motor homes. There are plenty of camping grounds they can pay to stay at. These laws also take business away from camp grounds and holiday parks.

**SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES**

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	

This law is impossible to police. How are Councils suppose to enforce this? How can they even afford the staff to enforce the rules? And what's the punishment?

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

How is this monitored?

How will anyone know?

This is ridiculous law. Ban freedom camping and make them all stay and pay at camping grounds.

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

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Yes

**If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

What is the cost to the ratepayer to enforce such a by law verse the 'unknown' money that freedom camping brings to the region?

Make all campers stay and pay at local campgrounds and holiday parks and then you will see money into the localities.

Freedom camping needs to be banned near all water ways including lakes, rivers and the sea.

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

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**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

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<b>Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Ban freedom camping and make all campers use licensed camp ground and holiday parks this way Council supports locals first.

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Why are those areas not considered? They should be.

Ban freedom camping and make all campers use licensed camp ground and holiday parks this way Council supports locals first.

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUWHATA**

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<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Ban freedom camping and make all campers use licensed camp ground and holiday parks this way Council supports locals first.

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT**

#### ***Onewhero***

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	No
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Ban freedom camping and make all campers use licensed camp ground and holiday parks this way Council supports locals first.

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	No
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Ban freedom camping and make all campers use licensed camp ground and holiday parks this way Council supports locals first.

#### ***Other Areas***

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

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Ban freedom camping and make all campers use licensed camp ground and holiday parks this way Council supports locals first.

### **ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

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*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

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**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

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Freedom camping is a white man's privilege and only made for those that can afford very expensive vehicles.

No mention or consideration of Tangata whenua or Te Tiriti in the law or by law is insulting.

Ban all FC and make all campers use licensed camp grounds and holiday parks this way Council support locals first and Councils should support your local businesses by banning FC.

Make a 1 night stay if you must allow FC and not near any water ways! Those FC go for a swim and use the rivers, lakes and sea as a reason to wash and urinate in it!

Ban Freedom Camping.

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6566
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Newcastle-Ngaruawahia General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	Please keep private

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

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**Please help us understand your response:**

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

5 nights is far too long for freedom campers in one area, this should stay at 3 or reduce down to 2

<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom</b>	No
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<b>camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	
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**Please help us understand your response:**

500m isn't far enough, I would consider this to be in the same area

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?</b>	Yes
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**If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

*We are proposing to add two new prohibited areas on Wainui Road in Raglan – one near the water treatment ponds, and one near Wainui Reserve bush park.*

<b>Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

<b>Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

There's no reason for people to camp there, they should find somewhere else outside of a residential area like this. Imagine living in one of those houses with freedom campers outside, that would be awful.

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

- *Manu Bay reserve and surrounding area, 696 Wainui Road, Raglan and that section of Wainui Road adjacent to the Manu Bay reserve.*
- *Tohora Close, Calvert Road, Whale Bay*
- *Ngarunui Beach Reserve, Wainui Reserve, 330 Wainui Road, Raglan*
- *Kopua Domain, 61 Marine Parade, Raglan*
- *Cliff Street, Puriri Street, From 2 Cliff Street to 1 Puriri Street, Raglan*
- *Riria Kereopa Drive, Wainamu Road*
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- *Ruapuke Beach Road*
- *Bridal Veil Falls Carpark, Kawhia Road, Te Mata*
- *Greenslade Road*
- *Earles Place*
- *Raglan Wharf*
- *Lorenzen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise*

Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaruawaahia to include the squash club.

<b>Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Please correct your spelling of Ngaruawahia

We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited and restricted areas in Ngaruawaahia, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions and restrictions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.

*Prohibited:*

- Waikato Esplanade, 1-52 Waikato Esplanade
- Patterson Park
- Horotiu Bridge carpark area
- Waingaro Road, section at end of Hakarimata track
- Hakarimata Track carpark area, Brownlee Ave
- 451-477 Old Taupiri Road, Hopuhopu.

*Restricted:*

- Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaruawaahia Lower Waikato Esplanade, where freedom camping is restricted to a designated area, and the area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.

Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Ngaruawaahia. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.

<b>Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.

Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUWHATA

We are proposing to reduce the current area where vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Te Kauwhata Domain on Mahi Road, to limit freedom camping to one end of the carpark. The area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.



<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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Please help us understand your response:

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### SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT

#### **Onewhero**

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in the Onewhero area. Currently, vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Onewhero Domain at 14 Hall Road, in a designated area, when the area is not required for events. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

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#### **Tuakau**

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in Tuakau. Currently, freedom camping at the St. Stephens car park at 8 St. Stephens Avenue is restricted to the signposted part of the carpark only, between 6pm and 10am with a maximum stay of two nights. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

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#### **Other Areas**

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

**Please tell us what you think about any areas that are not currently covered, or proposed to be covered, by the bylaw. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

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### ANY OTHER INFORMATION

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6565
<b>Name:</b>	Katie Wynyard (behalf of Paula Dudley)
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Tamahere-Woodlands General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

#### SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW

*We are proposing changes to the Bylaw to more closely align it to the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act).*

*These changes include:*

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*More information on these changes can be found in the Statement of Proposal at the top right of this page.*

<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Self contained vehicles would certainly lessen the human waste (including wet wipes, toilet paper and sanitary products) left behind.

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Too much rubbish and human waste (wet wipes, toilet paper and sanitary products) are left behind for residents to clean up. Long stays may only worsen issues with rubbish and waste.

<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Although - I think this should increase to one kilometre. This is because freedom stayers may take advantage of smaller areas by staying longer because of minimal change to distance.

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?</b>	Yes
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**If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Waahi tapu - sacred places need to be protected.

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

*We are proposing to add two new prohibited areas on Wainui Road in Raglan – one near the water treatment ponds, and one near Wainui Reserve bush park.*

<b>Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

<b>Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

But, depending on how many stayers are on site. I'm not familiar with the impact this area has on residents and environment. Have local tribes been consulted?

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

- *Manu Bay reserve and surrounding area, 696 Wainui Road, Raglan and that section of Wainui Road adjacent to the Manu Bay reserve.*
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- *Papanui Point Carpark*
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- *Ruapuke Beach Road*
- *Bridal Veil Falls Carpark, Kawhia Road, Te Mata*
- *Greenslade Road*
- *Earles Place*

- *Raglan Wharf*
- *Lorenzen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise*

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

I'm not familiar with the impact this area has on residents and environment. Have local tribes been consulted?

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

I'm not familiar with the impact this area has on residents and environment. Have local tribes been consulted?

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited and restricted areas in Ngaaruawaahia, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions and restrictions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

*Prohibited:*

- *Waikato Esplanade, 1-52 Waikato Esplanade*
- *Patterson Park*
- *Horotiu Bridge carpark area*
- *Waingaro Road, section at end of Hakarimata track*
- *Hakarimata Track carpark area, Brownlee Ave*
- *451-477 Old Taupiri Road, Hopuhopu.*

*Restricted:*

- *Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia Lower Waikato Esplanade, where freedom camping is restricted to a designated area, and the area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Ngaaruawaahia. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

I'm not familiar with the impact this area has on residents and environment. Have local tribes been consulted?

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

**Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

I'm not familiar with the impact this area has on residents and environment. Have local tribes been consulted?

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

Yes - protect areas in Port Waikato.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUPHATA

*We are proposing to reduce the current area where vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Te Kauphata Domain on Mahi Road, to limit freedom camping to one end of the carpark. The area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauphata Domain?</b>	Yes
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Please help us understand your response:

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT

#### **Onewhero**

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in the Onewhero area. Currently, vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Onewhero Domain at 14 Hall Road, in a designated area, when the area is not required for events. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	Yes
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Stayers could utilise public restrooms before resting for the night(s).

#### **Tuakau**

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in Tuakau. Currently, freedom camping at the St. Stephens car park at 8 St. Stephens Avenue is restricted to the signposted part of the carpark only, between 6pm and 10am with a maximum stay of two nights. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	Yes
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Reasonable for stayers to take accountability by working with restrictions.T

#### **Other Areas**

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

**Please tell us what you think about any areas that are not currently covered, or proposed to be covered, by the bylaw. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Tamahere Cultural Reserve (or any historic reserves/ SNAs') should remain prohibited from freedom stayers. A similar approach to cemeteries. These are waahi tapu and should be protected.

### ANY OTHER INFORMATION

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

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Hard times for many whaanau - a shared responsibility and approach needed from council, iwi and residents.

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6564
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	N/A
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Newcastle-Ngaruawahia General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Yes
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	Everywhere
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	Private

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

#### SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

I don't believe that if you are parked near toilets you should have to have self containment.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

A porta loo is just as easy to empty as a cassette. I've had both. If someone is going to use the bush as a toilet they are going to use it regardless of what type of toilet they have. A porta potty can be 'fixed' just as easily as a cassette toilet.

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Sometimes there is a lot to see in a particular area and 3 nights is often not enough time to see it all.

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

What difference does distance make? You're still in the same area!

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

Yes

**If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

*We are proposing to add two new prohibited areas on Wainui Road in Raglan – one near the water treatment ponds, and one near Wainui Reserve bush park.*

**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

As far as I'm aware, they're are no freedom camping spots in Raglan! Why not?

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

**Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

How many parks will be available?

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

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- *Greenslade Road*
- *Earles Place*
- *Raglan Wharf*



- *Lorenzen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise*

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

There are some areas where I agree with a ban on freedom camping ie. the wharf area because it is well used by marine users. As for the rest of the areas listed - why should freedom campers be stopped from enjoying the areas?

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

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- *Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia Lower Waikato Esplanade, where freedom camping is restricted to a designated area, and the area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Ngaaruawaahia. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

We decent freedom campers living and paying taxes in NZ should NOT be punished for the acts of overseas travellers which is exactly what has happened. The very small amount of people who break the rules (and always will) are the ones to be punished. No matter what regulations you set, there will always be that minority who break them so why punish the vast amount of good citizens who don't???

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

**Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

**SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUWHATA**

*We are proposing to reduce the current area where vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Te Kauwhata Domain on Mahi Road, to limit freedom camping to one end of the carpark. The area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

**Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

**SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT*****Onewhero***

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**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?**

No

**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

***Tuakau***

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**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?**

Yes

**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

***Other Areas***

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

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**ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

Stop punishing the people who have always respected our country. We have every right to enjoy ALL of this country just as much as anyone else and yet we are treated like lepers!!

**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**



## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6563
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Tai Runga Takiwaa Maaori Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	Yes

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

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*Key Change 6 - New information requirements on temporary closures.*

*More information on these changes can be found in the Statement of Proposal at the top right of this page.*

<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

I think the above should apply to NZ citizens so we can enjoy our lands. All the old amazing freedom camping spaces got shut down because of international tourism with a lack of understanding. This should also be actually policed not just left.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

For NZ citizens only

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

They should have 5 nights in one town then move on

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

No

**If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

*We are proposing to add two new prohibited areas on Wainui Road in Raglan – one near the water treatment ponds, and one near Wainui Reserve bush park.*

**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

This is commonly used areas for local people who pay rates and we need this space to use for ourself

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**Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

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- *Raglan Wharf*

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**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited and restricted areas in Ngaaruawaahia, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions and restrictions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

*Prohibited:*

- *Waikato Esplanade, 1-52 Waikato Esplanade*
- *Patterson Park*
- *Horotiu Bridge carpark area*
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**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Ngaaruawaahia. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

<b>Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUPHATA

*We are proposing to reduce the current area where vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Te Kauwhata Domain on Mahi Road, to limit freedom camping to one end of the carpark. The area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

**Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT

#### ***Onewhero***

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in the Onewhero area. Currently, vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Onewhero Domain at 14 Hall Road, in a designated area, when the area is not required for events. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?**

I do not have a response for this question

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#### ***Tuakau***

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in Tuakau. Currently, freedom camping at the St. Stephens car park at 8 St. Stephens Avenue is restricted to the signposted part of the carpark only, between 6pm and 10am with a maximum stay of two nights. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

#### ***Other Areas***

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

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### ANY OTHER INFORMATION

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

International tourists have money and should spend it here. The cost of this country at the moment is barely liveable. NZs should be able to enjoy the county we are paying crazy money for and love.

**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**





## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6562
<b>Name:</b>	Antonia Sims
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	I do not reside in Waikato District
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	Whanganui but family is in Waikato
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Yes
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	Sometimes camping grounds, sometimes in non-self contained allowed areas
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

#### SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW

*We are proposing changes to the Bylaw to more closely align it to the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act).*

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*Key Change 6 - New information requirements on temporary closures.*

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	No
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

I believe that for the region a different definition of self-contained should be adopted to allow those who camp in a tent, or have a toilet tent, to be considered self-contained (for the purposes of camping) providing a suitable portable toilet is present

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	No
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

A portable, rather than fixed, toilet should be sufficient within your region to qualify for any definition of self contained you propose to implement. The purpose and utility is the same. How does one have a fixed toilet in a tent?

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Yes
<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

Yes

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### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

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**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

**Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

Providing any requirement for self contained merely means that a toilet, portable or fixed, is present in a vehicle

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**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

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### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

**Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

Freedom camping by families should be encouraged. Rather than prohibiting freedom camping point blank, restrictions at certain times of the year should be considered

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<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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**Please help us understand your response:**

**SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT*****Onewhero***

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in the Onewhero area. Currently, vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Onewhero Domain at 14 Hall Road, in a designated area, when the area is not required for events. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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***Tuakau***

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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**ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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**PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION**

**SUBMITTER INFORMATION**

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6561
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	Private
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Yes
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	Whangamata area
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	Keep private

**RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS**

**SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW**

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**Please help us understand your response:**

5 days is a really awesome time to enjoy and explore the area you camping in. Nz is full of walks and out door activities that need time to enjoy.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Freedom campers should also have access to waste stations and fresh water to top up. Often campers are in remote areas for hikes etc

**SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES**

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

That is super helpful as areas often have a few places to cist

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

You often don't get a spot when u return to the same place the next night. So you just have to be prepared to take a spot where u can find one. Other wise you have to travel to the next location which could be 10 mins away to a few hrs away. I don't think making you park 500m away from your previous spot is practical. Definitely not a reasonable suggestion

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It's often really hard to stay in some freedom parks as there is only about 4 or 5 places to park. We had to travel back to our same park as the night before. We couldn't park in anew location as it was full.

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

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Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

Closer to town toilets etc and parking road is wide and quiet

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**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

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### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

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**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

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**Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?**

Yes

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<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	Yes
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**ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

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**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6560
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	I do not reside in Waikato District
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	Waitaki
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Yes
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	All over NZ. We have a six week North Island trip coming up in November/December 2023
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	Private please

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

#### SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	I do not have a response for the question
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**Please help us understand your response:**

I dont have a response because I dont know what it's been before and how well it's been working.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

A toilet is a toilet. It doesn't not matter if it is fixed or not.

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

As a person coming from outside the area if I can stay longer and feel more welcomed and wanted, we will.

<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

That's fair enough. It means you're not getting 'permanents'. I totally understand the homelessness situation and that people live fulltime in vehicles but agree that people need to move along.

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?</b>	Yes
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<b>Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

They look like great spots. If there is an issue with them, set time limits or specific areas.

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

<b>Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?</b>	Other: Unsure what it was before
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Time periods are fine.

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- *Lorenzen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise*

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited and restricted areas in Ngaaruawaahia, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions and restrictions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

*Prohibited:*

- *Waikato Esplanade, 1-52 Waikato Esplanade*
- *Patterson Park*
- *Horotiu Bridge carpark area*
- *Waingaro Road, section at end of Hakarimata track*
- *Hakarimata Track carpark area, Brownlee Ave*
- *451-477 Old Taupiri Road, Hopuhopu.*

*Restricted:*

- *Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia Lower Waikato Esplanade, where freedom camping is restricted to a designated area, and the area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Ngaaruawaahia. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

**Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

If there have been issues, could there be time or day periods listed.

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

**SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUWHATA**

*We are proposing to reduce the current area where vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Te Kauwhata Domain on Mahi Road, to limit freedom camping to one end of the carpark. The area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

**Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

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**SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT*****Onewhero***

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in the Onewhero area. Currently, vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Onewhero Domain at 14 Hall Road, in a designated area, when the area is not required for events. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

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***Tuakau***

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in Tuakau. Currently, freedom camping at the St. Stephens car park at 8 St. Stephens Avenue is restricted to the signposted part of the carpark only, between 6pm and 10am with a maximum stay of two nights. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

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***Other Areas***

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

**Please tell us what you think about any areas that are not currently covered, or proposed to be covered, by the bylaw. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

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**ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**



## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6559
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	Private

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

#### SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW

*We are proposing changes to the Bylaw to more closely align it to the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act).*

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*Key Change 5 - Clarifying the process and requirements for exemption applications.*

*Key Change 6 - New information requirements on temporary closures.*

*More information on these changes can be found in the Statement of Proposal at the top right of this page.*

<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom</b>	Yes
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camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?

Please help us understand your response:

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?

Yes

If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN

*We are proposing to add two new prohibited areas on Wainui Road in Raglan – one near the water treatment ponds, and one near Wainui Reserve bush park.*

Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?

Yes

Please help us understand your response:

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?

No

Please help us understand your response:

The Church Hall in Stewart Street has evening activities that can require many parking places especially for older residents. Allowing freedom camping will restrict these parking spaces and may mean groups would have to consider using other buildings.

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

- *Manu Bay reserve and surrounding area, 696 Wainui Road, Raglan and that section of Wainui Road adjacent to the Manu Bay reserve.*
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**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

A prohibited area should include James Street by the Bowling Club. During the last year many freedom campers have failed to leave by 8-00am making it very difficult for users of the Club to park.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

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### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

<b>Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

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### SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUWHATA

*We are proposing to reduce the current area where vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Te Kauwhata Domain on Mahi Road, to limit freedom camping to one end of the carpark. The area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT

#### **Onewhero**

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in the Onewhero area. Currently, vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Onewhero Domain at 14 Hall Road, in a designated area, when the area is not required for events. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	Yes
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

#### **Tuakau**

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in Tuakau. Currently, freedom camping at the St. Stephens car park at 8 St. Stephens Avenue is restricted to the signposted part of the carpark only, between 6pm and 10am with a maximum stay of two nights. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	Yes
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#### **Other Areas**

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

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### ANY OTHER INFORMATION

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

Is there to be enforcement for the new proposals

**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

**PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION**

**SUBMITTER INFORMATION**

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6558
<b>Name:</b>	Joseph Collins
<b>Organisation:</b>	na
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Tamahere-Woodlands General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	Hamilton
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Other: Not currently. Maybe in future.
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	

**RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS**

**SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW**

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Staying in one place for long periods should be fine. Authorities can use their "powers" if they are breaking laws such as creating a disturbance, loud noise after 10pm, littering etc.  
Some listed places are urban, some are isolated and have peak and off peak seasons. I might agree with some residential streets, but not more remote parklike areas.  
Have any Council members actually used a camper van or similar? Probably not. Out of touch with reality, just looking to restrict and exploit for \$.  
Maximum 31 days I support as any longer is more than most holidays.  
The listed sites have a variety of both residential-looking streets and isolated spots, which is unhelpful. Residential streets with lots of houses restrict to 5 days, others to 2 weeks before having to move 500m or more.. Have any Council members actually used a camper van or similar? Probably not. Out of touch with reality, just looking to restrict and exploit for \$? (Note: I have not [yet?] been a freedom camper)

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Staying in one place for long periods should be fine. Authorities can use their "powers" if they are breaking laws such as creating a disturbance, loud noise after 10pm, littering etc.

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### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

**Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

Staying in one place for the longer periods should be fine. Authorities can use their "powers" if they are breaking laws such as creating a disturbance, loud noise after 10pm, littering etc.

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

As long as this is only regarding the spots listed on other pages.

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

Yes

**If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN

*We are proposing to add two new prohibited areas on Wainui Road in Raglan – one near the water treatment ponds, and one near Wainui Reserve bush park.*

**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

However, 1 night max should be allowed.

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

<b>Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?</b>	Yes
<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

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- *Greenslade Road*
- *Earles Place*
- *Raglan Wharf*
- *Lorenzen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise*

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA**

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Looks like a large prohibited area that could otherwise be enjoyed

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**SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO**

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

<b>Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Whole area looks like a large area large enough to have some freedom campers.

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

**SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUWHATA**

*We are proposing to reduce the current area where vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Te Kauwhata Domain on Mahi Road, to limit freedom camping to one end of the carpark. The area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

IF freedom camping is killing grass off then yes. But probably fine for 5days as long as the next person is not in the same spot. maybe a hassle for the mower guy...

**SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT*****Onewhero***

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in the Onewhero area. Currently, vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Onewhero Domain at 14 Hall Road, in a designated area, when the area is not required for events. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

***Tuakau***

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

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**Other Areas**

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

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**ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6557
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	I do not reside in Waikato District
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	Hamilton
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Yes
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	Often reserves and appropriate car parks
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	Private

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

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**Please help us understand your response:**

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Restriction to 3 nights for designated popular locations

<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom</b>	Yes
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camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?

Please help us understand your response:

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?

Yes

If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

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Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?

Yes

Please help us understand your response:

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?

Yes

Please help us understand your response:

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Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.

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*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited and restricted areas in Ngaaruawaahia, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions and restrictions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

*Prohibited:*

- *Waikato Esplanade, 1-52 Waikato Esplanade*
- *Patterson Park*
- *Horotiu Bridge carpark area*
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- *Hakarimata Track carpark area, Brownlee Ave*
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*Restricted:*

- *Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia Lower Waikato Esplanade, where freedom camping is restricted to a designated area, and the area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Ngaaruawaahia. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

**SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO**

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

<b>Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Allow a portion Maraetai Reserve away from houses to provide an alternative to Sunset Beach

**SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUPHATA**

*We are proposing to reduce the current area where vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Te Kauwhata Domain on Mahi Road, to limit freedom camping to one end of the carpark. The area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	Yes
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Please help us understand your response:

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### SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT

#### **Onewhero**

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in the Onewhero area. Currently, vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Onewhero Domain at 14 Hall Road, in a designated area, when the area is not required for events. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?**

Yes

**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

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#### **Tuakau**

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in Tuakau. Currently, freedom camping at the St. Stephens car park at 8 St. Stephens Avenue is restricted to the signposted part of the carpark only, between 6pm and 10am with a maximum stay of two nights. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?**

Yes

**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

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#### **Other Areas**

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

**Please tell us what you think about any areas that are not currently covered, or proposed to be covered, by the bylaw. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

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### ANY OTHER INFORMATION

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

Consider suitable locations for dump stations to encourage responsible waste disposal. Often, NZMCA will assist with funding

There are extensive cycle tracks in the region and near by locations for freedom camping would encourage tourism

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6556
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Other: Only when travelling
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	Mostly in the south island and on DOC land
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	Yes keep private

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

#### SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	No
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

I believe in the right to roam and people should be able to freedom camp wherever they please like in Europe. I do not freedom camp myself as I live in homes I own

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	No
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

People should be able to live in tents and the council provide more toilets.

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Yes
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

The more the better

<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

It should be 50m because there are limited places to camp

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?</b>	No
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**If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

People should be able to camp on all council and doc land

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

*We are proposing to add two new prohibited areas on Wainui Road in Raglan – one near the water treatment ponds, and one near Wainui Reserve bush park.*

<b>Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

These should be free to camp

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

<b>Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

That is not enough space

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- *Ruapuke Beach Road*
- *Bridal Veil Falls Carpark, Kawhia Road, Te Mata*
- *Greenslade Road*
- *Earles Place*
- *Raglan Wharf*
- *Lorenzen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise*

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

These should all be freedom camping areas. This will bring more tourism to the town and be good for the community

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

More freedom camping spots not less

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**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Ngaaruawaahia. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

More freedom camping spots not less

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

<b>Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

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*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

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<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

More freedom camping spots not less

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT

#### **Onewhero**

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	Yes
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More freedom camping spots not less

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	Yes
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More freedom camping spots not less

#### **Other Areas**

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

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### ANY OTHER INFORMATION

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6555
<b>Name:</b>	Wakerori Tonga (nee RangaWhenua)
<b>Organisation:</b>	Tangatawhenua ki te ika a maui
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Tuakau-Pokeno General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	Manuaitu ki te ika a maui
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	Yes
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Other: No freedom camping
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

If I'm Not allowed to stay on my tupuna land that's been confiscated by councils... Noway should freeloading visitors be allowed to camp on our whenua.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Other: No freedom camping
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

Fix roads, make them safer for our kids who actually live local. Make tiny affordable homes for Tangara whenua and homeless locals. Fix the fricken sewerage that councils are piping into our Moana... Disgusting.

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**



You locked down our town businesses, marae, clubs, schools, clubs and whanau. More corporate profiteering pandemics are in the pipeline instead of worrying about random holiday makers who dont actually add to the economy of local businesses... Why not find ways to help locals instead of making life worse for them by locking them in and out.

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

Make them pay for their rubbish and a place to stay... I have to

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

Other: Keep them out of our tapu urupa. Tikanga. Mauri ora

**If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Those that want freedom campers should get together and have them stay on their land and see if they will continue to supply services like laundry, bathroom facilities, sewage and rubbish disposals for free and see how many nights they can cope, I'm guessing not long.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN

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**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

Is it Maori land... Give it back

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I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

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- Lorenzen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

It's Maori land, give it back

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

Other: It's Maori land

**Please help us understand your response:**

Give it back. It's Maori land.

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**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Ngaaruawaahia. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Lands have been confiscated. Give it back to Maori

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

**Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?**

Other: Stolen lands

**Please help us understand your response:**

Give it back to tangata whenua

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Those locations belong to Maori. Give them back

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUPHATA

*We are proposing to reduce the current area where vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Te Kauphata Domain on Mahi Road, to limit freedom camping to one end of the carpark. The area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

**Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauphata Domain?**

Other: Stolen lands

**Please help us understand your response:**

Give it back to maori

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT

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**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?**

Other: Crown lands are stolen lands

**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Give our whenua back

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**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?**

Other: Crown land is stolen land

**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Return lands stolen by councils back to it's rightful owners. Maori land.

#### **Other Areas**

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**Please tell us what you think about any areas that are not currently covered, or proposed to be covered, by the bylaw. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Councils don'ts own crown land... Give it back to maori

### ANY OTHER INFORMATION

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6554
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	I do not reside in Waikato District
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	Hamilton city district
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Other: I lived in a car as a child temporarily
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	Please keep my name private.

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

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**Please help us understand your response:**

I think 5 day stay is fine, some people live in their cars and that is stressful enough without prosecution and needing to move every 3rd day.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Some people live in their cars, its a lot of stress that they need to move every 3 days. Freedom camping is already very restrictive. As long as they are keeping it clean and looking after the whenua, why not!

<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	I do not have a response for the question
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**Please help us understand your response:**

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?</b>	Yes
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<b>Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Freedom camping in raglan is already very strict. We dont want to drive away tourists.

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

<b>Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?</b>	Yes
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**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

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**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

I do not have a response for this question

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Very restrictive. This is unfortunate.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

**Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

**SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUWHATA**

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<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

This area is way too small.

**SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT*****Onewhero***

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	Yes
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

***Tuakau***

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	Yes
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***Other Areas***

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We should remember that it is not just tourists alone who freedom camp, we have community members who may live in their cars, and people who use vehicles as temporary housing for reasons other than tourism alone. We should not be overly restrictive on these people, and take an empathetic approach.

**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**



**PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION**

**SUBMITTER INFORMATION**

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6553
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	I do not reside in Waikato District
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	Mount Maunganui
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	Keep private please

**RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS**

**SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW**

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Freedom campers monopolise parks along beaches for days at a time, spreading their tables and chairs and laundry around the area and leaving locals to clean up after them.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	I do not have a response for the question
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Being self contained doesn't stop them spreading themselves all over parking areas.

**SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES**

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

It's already too long. Freedom campers are not free to the residents who pay rates and maintain property in the area.

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

Other: Leave the area altogether.

**Please help us understand your response:**

This just allows freedom campers to live in an area for longer, taking advantage of facilities provided by ratepayers and giving nothing back.

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

Yes

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**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

Yes

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**Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?**

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**Please help us understand your response:**

The more prohibited areas the better.

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I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

Don't know the area.

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6552
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Tamahere-Woodlands General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	Yes please.

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<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	
<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	I do not have a response for the question
<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	
You need a self contained van or camper.	
<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom</b>	Yes

camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?

Please help us understand your response:

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?

Yes

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Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?

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Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?

I do not have a response for this question

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<b>Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?</b>	Yes
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Please help us understand your response:

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<b>Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?</b>	Yes
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Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?	Yes
Please help us understand your response:	

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT

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Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?	I do not have a response for this question
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Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?	I do not have a response for this question
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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6551
<b>Name:</b>	John Lawson
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	Remote areas far from roads and buildings.
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	Yes
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

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**Please help us understand your response:**

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**Please help us understand your response:**

The area of grass between Wainui Rd and the Bush Park car park isn't included in the restricted area. As it is all part of Wainui Reserve, it isn't clear why the rules applicable to other reserves don't apply here. Under the Reserves Act 1977, freedom camping is prohibited on Council reserves unless the area has been identified in a reserve management plan as being suitable for camping.

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**Please help us understand your response:**

Stewart St is the only new space proposed in this revision. All the other changes propose reduced areas for freedom camping. The consultation document doesn't mention that Raglan has had the highest number of requests about freedom camping, as set out on page 19 of 11 July's Policy Agenda. In view of those figures, I don't understand why the only increase in space available for camper vans is in this area with the most issues, rather than a much reduced provision for freedom camping. It's disappointing that this consultation doesn't include either the request figures, or any analysis of the benefits (if any) of permitting widespread freedom camping.

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6550
<b>Name:</b>	<Confidential>
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	Kept private please

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

#### SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW

*We are proposing changes to the Bylaw to more closely align it to the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act).*

*These changes include:*

*Key Change 1 - Amending the purpose of the Bylaw to align it with the Act.*

*Key Change 2 - Incorporating key definitions from the Act.*

*Key Change 5 - Clarifying the process and requirements for exemption applications.*

*Key Change 6 - New information requirements on temporary closures.*

*More information on these changes can be found in the Statement of Proposal at the top right of this page.*

<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	No
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

Freedom camping in and around raglan and ruapuke should be 2 night's maximum in one place, it is too busy town and natural area for even locals who pay large rates and rents to enjoy let alone freedom campers coming in who pay nothing. Our natural environment is becoming busy and also ruined by litter and too many vehicles and so many people from Nz and the Waikato know freedom campers can go to the campground if they want to stay longer. We live her and pay for it, all freedom campers should also have to in some way if they are staying longer than 1-2 nights. Moving 500m from their camping spot to a new spot is not really moving at all, it should be to not within the same vicinity.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any</b>	No
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<b>month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Sorry I answered this in prior comment above. I do not agree with extending to 5 nights at all. 1-2 nights maximum in the raglan and ruapuke areas - it is way too busy here as it is with day trippers and holiday makers who pay for accomodation let alone freedom campers camping for free, while we pay all the rates and high rents to live here and everyone else comes to use and pollute/ rubbish and visually pollute our natural landscape.

<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Other: It should be move out of the visible vicinity more than 500m
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Moving 500m is not really moving, it should be further

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?</b>	Yes
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**If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Raglan and ruapuke should have it's own freedom camping rules due to being overly populated by day trippers and holiday makers (staying in paid accomodation and campground) as it is. So much traffic, so many people, more litter left to manage, less quiet spaces - less spaces to enjoy for locals.

It has drastically changed in the past two years on our beaches, roads, natural areas - so many people a lot of the time. In remote, quiet areas not already at their max capacity sure freedom campers are not adding to an already stretched effect on a place.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN

*We are proposing to add two new prohibited areas on Wainui Road in Raglan – one near the water treatment ponds, and one near Wainui Reserve bush park.*

<b>Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

<b>Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

- *Manu Bay reserve and surrounding area, 696 Wainui Road, Raglan and that section of Wainui Road adjacent to the Manu Bay reserve.*
- *Tohoro Close, Calvert Road, Whale Bay*

- *Ngarunui Beach Reserve, Wainui Reserve, 330 Wainui Road, Raglan*
- *Kopua Domain, 61 Marine Parade, Raglan*
- *Cliff Street, Puriri Street, From 2 Cliff Street to 1 Puriri Street, Raglan*
- *Riria Kereopa Drive, Wainamu Road*
- *Wainui Road*
- *Papanui Point Carpark*
- *Swann Access Road, Ruapuke Beach*
- *Ruapuke Beach Road*
- *Bridal Veil Falls Carpark, Kawhia Road, Te Mata*
- *Greenslade Road*
- *Earles Place*
- *Raglan Wharf*
- *Lorenzen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise*

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited and restricted areas in Ngaaruawaahia, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions and restrictions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

*Prohibited:*

- *Waikato Esplanade, 1-52 Waikato Esplanade*
- *Patterson Park*
- *Horotiu Bridge carpark area*
- *Waingaro Road, section at end of Hakarimata track*
- *Hakarimata Track carpark area, Brownlee Ave*
- *451-477 Old Taupiri Road, Hopuhopu.*

*Restricted:*

- *Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia Lower Waikato Esplanade, where freedom camping is restricted to a designated area, and the area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Ngaaruawaahia. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

<b>Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**



*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUWHATA**

*We are proposing to reduce the current area where vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Te Kauwhata Domain on Mahi Road, to limit freedom camping to one end of the carpark. The area cannot be used for freedom camping if it is required for events.*

<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT**

#### ***Onewhero***

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in the Onewhero area. Currently, vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Onewhero Domain at 14 Hall Road, in a designated area, when the area is not required for events. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

#### ***Tuakau***

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in Tuakau. Currently, freedom camping at the St. Stephens car park at 8 St. Stephens Avenue is restricted to the signposted part of the carpark only, between 6pm and 10am with a maximum stay of two nights. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	I do not have a response for this question
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

#### ***Other Areas***

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

**Please tell us what you think about any areas that are not currently covered, or proposed to be covered, by the bylaw. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### **ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

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**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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**PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION**

**SUBMITTER INFORMATION**

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6549
<b>Name:</b>	Damian Pausma
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	I do not reside in Waikato District
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	Coromandel
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Other: Homeless
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	Where ever I feel like
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	

**RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS**

**SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW**

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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

Your just marginalising kiwis and and criminalizing homeless people such as my family. If you made freedom camping only available to kiwis you still would not solve the issue. Grey power nzmca dampers are just as much an issue as the ignorant foreign westerner.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	No
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**Please help us understand your response:**

None of the bylaws solve the problem. People are the problem not the vehicle. Local governments bad decision making on adequate amount of public toilets and locations are the problem if we are to except that random deffication is the issue. Same as london city

**SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES**

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Yes
<b>Please help us understand your response:</b>	

It should be unlimited. Stop policing it and the problems will go away.

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

Us homeless and poor can't always afford to find another spot 100m away

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their car parks.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

No

**If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

There are plenty of public spaces out of site or annoyance of council or local rate payers. All this freedom camping site allotting does is piss off the locals and visitors.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN

*We are proposing to add two new prohibited areas on Wainui Road in Raglan – one near the water treatment ponds, and one near Wainui Reserve bush park.*

**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

Your just creating more issues.

If you removed the restrictions, and patrolled the day trippers from hamilton that get drunk , do burn outs break into cars and yell abuse at locals and visitors life would be nicer

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

**Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

Step in the right direction.

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

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- *Greenslade Road*
- *Earles Place*
- *Raglan Wharf*
- *Lorenzen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise*

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

These colonial rules laws and ideals continue to cause issues. It's not your land to manage.

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

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**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Ngaaruawaahia. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

**Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

**SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUWHATA**

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<b>Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

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**SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT*****Onewhero***

*We are not proposing any changes to the areas in the Onewhero area. Currently, vehicles that are not self-contained can freedom camp at Onewhero Domain at 14 Hall Road, in a designated area, when the area is not required for events. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?</b>	Yes
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

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***Tuakau***

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<b>Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?</b>	Yes
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**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

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***Other Areas***

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

**Please tell us what you think about any areas that are not currently covered, or proposed to be covered, by the bylaw. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

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**ANY OTHER INFORMATION**

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

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**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6548
<b>Name:</b>	Matt Stockton
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Whaingaroa General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	
<b>Attending hearings:</b>	No
<b>Would like details kept private:</b>	

### RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

#### SECTION A: COMMENTS ON THE BYLAW

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*Key Change 6 - New information requirements on temporary closures.*

*More information on these changes can be found in the Statement of Proposal at the top right of this page.*

<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Yes
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

The statements are key unclear but I'm reading it as you're basically lining up local rules with legislation? If so, makes sense

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

In raglan we have cars and people movers that are supposedly self contained yet clearly can't be. If the bed takes up the entire space how can you possibly cook, eat, and toilet in there? Great to have a clear definition

#### SECTION B – DISTRICT-WIDE RULES

<b>Key Change 4 proposes to increase the maximum number of nights a person can freedom camp in a particular area in any month from three nights to five. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	No
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

I don't support freedom camping when the vehicles clearly can't be self contained.

**Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

*We are proposing to retain the current prohibition of freedom camping on all Council-managed cemeteries and their carparks.*

**Do you support the proposal to retain all current prohibitions for freedom camping on Council-managed cemeteries?**

Yes

**If there are any comments you wish to make on the district-wide rules in this proposal, please share them here. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Would be great to have all the spits people freedom camp in raglan patrolled, they are everywhere

### **SECTION C – AREA RULES: RAGLAN**

*We are proposing to add two new prohibited areas on Wainui Road in Raglan – one near the water treatment ponds, and one near Wainui Reserve bush park.*

**Do you support these changes to prohibit freedom camping on Wainui Reserve and Wainui Road?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

There are two big camp grounds in raglan, the more prohibited areas the better

*We are proposing a change to the current prohibited area in the Raglan CBD. Our proposal is to exclude Stewart Street from the current prohibited area, and create a restricted area on Stewart Street where people can use the area for freedom camping at night between 5pm – 8am.*

**Do you support the change to create a restricted area on Stewart Road?**

No

**Please help us understand your response:**

Don't support freedom camping in the cbd

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- *Greenslade Road*
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- *Raglan Wharf*



- *Lorenzen Bay Road, Sunshine Rise*

**Please tell us what you think about the remaining prohibited areas in Raglan. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

Good

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: NGAARUAWAAHIA

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (The Point), Ngaaruawaahia to include the squash club.*

**Do you support the proposal to extend the current prohibited area at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

Don't know the area

*We are not proposing any changes to the remaining prohibited and restricted areas in Ngaaruawaahia, listed below. Maps for these current prohibitions and restrictions can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

*Prohibited:*

- *Waikato Esplanade, 1-52 Waikato Esplanade*
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### SECTION C – AREA RULES: PORT WAIKATO

*We are proposing to extend the current prohibited area at Sunset Beach, Port Waikato to include entire car park area.*

**Do you support the change to the prohibited area at Sunset Beach?**

Yes

**Please help us understand your response:**

Use the camp ground

*We are not proposing any other changes to any areas in Port Waikato. Currently, Maraetai Bay Reserve, Maunsell Road is a prohibited area. Maps can be found in the Statement of Proposal.*

**Please tell us what you think about the current prohibited areas in Port Waikato. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: TE KAUWHATA

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**Do you support the change to reduce the prohibited area at Te Kauwhata Domain?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please help us understand your response:**

### SECTION C – AREA RULES: OTHER AREAS OF THE DISTRICT

#### ***Onewhero***

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**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Onewhero?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

#### ***Tuakau***

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**Do you support the proposal to retain the current prohibitions in Tuakau?**

I do not have a response for this question

**Please tell us what you think. If your comment is about a specific location/s, please include a description of the location in your response.**

#### ***Other Areas***

*There are no other prohibited or restricted areas proposed in the Bylaw. We are seeking feedback on other areas not included in the Proposed Bylaw.*

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Would be good if there's no freedom camping anywhere where there is a camp ground

### ANY OTHER INFORMATION

*Is there anything else you would like to share with us about our Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023?*

**Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include details/description if you are referring to a specific location.**

**Please attach any supporting documentation, if needed.**

## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6547
<b>Name:</b>	Charlene Price
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Waerenga-Whitikahu General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	No
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<b>Do you support the above changes to align the Bylaw more closely to the Act?</b>	Yes
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

I would like to see the bylaws ensure the freedom camping changes are followed, especially in regards to certification of self containment.

<b>Key Change 3 incorporates a reference to the NZ Standard 5465:2001 to support and provide further information to the definition of self-contained. Do you support this change?</b>	Yes
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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

I would like stricter enforcement of self contained vehicle certification

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#### **Please help us understand your response:**

This would help make it easier during holidays

<b>Key Change 4 also clarifies the distance a person must move away from their freedom camping spot by setting a requirement that they move at least 500 metres away once they have stayed in an area up to that maximum time. Do you support this proposed change?</b>	Yes
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**Please help us understand your response:**

yes i support this. I would like to see that distance increased to dissuade people from homesteading

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**Please help us understand your response:**

There's not much here in Te Kauwhata to consider it a camping destination. I would hope this would encourage people to move on

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## PROPOSED FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2023 SUBMISSION

### SUBMITTER INFORMATION

<b>Sub ID:</b>	6546
<b>Name:</b>	Peter Morris
<b>Organisation:</b>	
<b>Ward you reside in:</b>	Tuakau-Pokeno General Ward
<b>If you are not a resident in the Waikato District, please tell us where you normally reside:</b>	
<b>Are you a freedom camper:</b>	Yes
<b>If you are a freedom camper, where do you go to freedom camp:</b>	Anywhere safe and clean in the Waikato area
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<b>Sub ID:</b>	6545
<b>Name:</b>	Jo Bourgeois
<b>Organisation:</b>	
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**Please help us understand your response:**

That's 2 many nights. They should pay for campgrounds supplied. In my experience, freedom campers leave human waste and rubbish even when self contained

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July 13 · 🌐



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Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw include changes to the Ngaruawahia, Port Waikato, Raglan and Te Kauwhata areas

Have your say today! <https://ow.ly/15f850Pa8Fa>

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86 comments 16 shares

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Post Impressions **i**

**17,434**

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**16,132**

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**3,963**

## Interactions **i**



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Reactions

86



Comments

267



Link Clicks

326



Shares

16



Other Clicks

3,164

## Comments



Author

Waikato District Council

Kia ora everyone! We love seeing the feedback you all have ❤️

Please remember, whether you are for or against the proposed changes, to log a submission to ensure your voice is counted.

<https://shape.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/freedomcamping>



SHAPE.WAIKATODISTRICT.GOV.T.NZ  
Proposed Freedom Camping Bylaw



Like Reply 5w



Peggy Brown

Jimmy MacDonald Scott Johannas VandenBemd Mark James Piper

Like Reply 5w



Neroli Henwood

Councils that are Motorhome Friendly bring lots of benefits to their towns. As a motorhome owner we have seen some great initiatives by some councils in vibrant towns.

Councils do need to adequately resource the enforcement of the Freedom camping rules which they have put in place. This protects locals and stops the issues we were facing pre covid with irresponsible campers.

Like Reply 5w



Carey Anne

**Neroli Henwood** now imagine yourself as a responsible camper by heart and nature but not able to afford a camper that requires such overreach??? Should you be allowed to camp accordingly?? Or is this only obtainable to the motorhomers in the acceptable payrate.

Like Reply 5w



Neroli Henwood

**Carey Anne** I was referring to the original post about the number of nights that are allowed. Are you saying people should be allowed to park up as long as they like?

Like Reply 5w



Carey Anne

**Neroli Henwood** no.. having a home with a fixed toilet etc that only a certain dollar value can obtain.

Like Reply 5w



Carey Anne

**Neroli Henwood** apologies neroli, i was following another thread clearly with a bit of emotion connected to the new laws passed and spilled over.. again apologies.

Like Reply 5w





Susan Findlay

No, because if noisy buggers, it's nice when they leave.

Like Reply 5w



Lynda Evelyn

Susan Findlay not true. They are quieter than residents. I have been travelling for 8 months, people in motorhomes are respectful. There is the odd overseas tourist maybe who's not, but on the whole most people are.

Like Reply 5w Edited



Lynda Evelyn

Tips from the South Island. At free parking spots the council provide toilets, dump stations, fresh water, outside showers off toilet block which is great by beach and all rubbish bins. They know we spend money in their communities and we are very respectful and appreciative of their free services.

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Lynda Evelyn

YES they should, they bring money to communities !

Like Reply 5w



Suzie HullO'Brien

Seems 3 nights is fair and ample before moving on to see parts of nz. Otherwise it becomes a stayover for homeless. Good security and place kept clean and rules up held to highest degree.

Like Reply 4w Edited



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Christina Henning

Suzie HullO'Brien that's kinda sad but respectfully it's your opinion. Understanding the process of setting up or living an alternative lifestyle for some may be insightful for you to understand. And the homeless are not to be looked down on in any shape, form or forum. That would be shameful. Judgements can be harsh and unhelpful 😞

Like Reply 4w



Suzie HullO'Brien

Christy, thank you for your comment. I have seen this happen in USA. Also where I live the freedom campers are right on top of a primary and secondary school. It is important we don't fool ourselves as to what can develop if not thought through well. Comon sense.






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Christina Henning

Suzie HullO'Brien common sense has nothing to do with it really. I'm from America and have seen what you say. However we here in NewZealand are a far cry from the system and the scale of America. I hardly think that here in NZ would ever compare to America as long as we have concerned people such as yourself. Besides, NZ is by far a better place to want to visit at any one place for possibly more than three days, no denying that 😞

-  **Gabrielle Amy Clouston**  
Yes 🙌 so long as you be a tidy kiwi and pick up after yourself and leave it as you found it.
- Like Reply 5w   7
-  **Gavin Roycroft**  
**Gabrielle Amy Clouston** tell your boy racing mates to do the same
- Like Reply 5w 
-  **Gabrielle Amy Clouston**  
**Gavin Roycroft** I don't know any boy racers but okay 😊
- Like Reply 5w 
-  **Gavin Roycroft**  
**Gabrielle Amy Clouston** if they have a self contained sticker they will have a rubbish bin
- Like Reply 5w 
-  **Gabrielle Amy Clouston**  
**Gavin Roycroft** so long as everyone uses it, then it shouldn't be a problem 😊
- Like Reply 5w

-  **Atawhai Kapa**  
I think so and with security measures it'll be nice and may boost tourism?
- Like Reply 5w Edited   5
-  **AJ Wilson**  
We are planning a big six week trip around the North Island. We have SM followers. Being FC friendly and being able to stay for a period of time is certainly attractive. We are CSC and responsible.
- Like Reply 5w   2
-  **Clara Splinter**  
Um Freedom, yes and stop suggesting there is an alternative.
- Like Reply 5w   2
-  **Valerie Gow**  
Yes I do, three is not enough. By the time you arrive and set up , next day enjoy ur day , next day pack up again, three is not enough .
- Like Reply 5w   8
-  **Kay Tucker**  
Yes as long as they respect the area they are in and leave it clean and tidy
- Like Reply 5w  11
-  **Greg Wiechern**  
As a motorhomer, I think the 3 day limit is fair. Especially in popular places, it gives more people the chance to stay when there are usually a limited number of spots to park. Think of it this way, you can move 10 times in a month, then if you want, come back and start again.
- Like Reply 5w   13





Steve Biggins

Greg Wiechern if you can find 10 places in your area that are dry enough to park on at this time of year you're doing well.

Like Reply 5w



Greg Wiechern

Steve Biggins We're parked at Little Waipa Reserve, guess that it is outside our area...just

Like Reply 5w



Steve Biggins

Greg Wiechern I'm parked in a sealed carpark in Whangarei. One of the very few places where nobody gets boged.

Like Reply 5w



Tracy Cathro

Greg Wiechern I agree

Like Reply 5w



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The listed sites have a variety of both residential-looking streets and isolated spots, which can be voted on separately which is good. Increasing 3 to 5 days sounds fair, then move along.

Like Reply 5w Edited



Allison East

Yes , people want to see the country & 2 days is not enough, especially if theirs lots to do.

Like Reply 5w



Kaz Lechien

Yes it is only sensible

Like Reply 5w



Top fan

Christina Henning

Absolutely but only if they have enough of a holding system for water and waste, not all self contained units are made equal 😊

Like Reply 4w



Julie Scampton

Yes up to 5 nights should be allowed as brings business to the region, people will visit more places to support the locals 👍👍

Like Reply 5w



Nigel Moore

Homeless people stay in same spot for a lot longer

Like Reply 5w



EB Hunter

Nigel Moore they dont fall under the freedom camping act.



**Kaara Ngawhika**

Good idea! Sometimes 2 day's just isn't enough to enjoy! 😊

Like Reply 5w



Top fan

**Karyn Vickers**

Only if they are fully self contained and there is someone checking this...not people parking in them in campervans then using the public toilets 🙄

Like Reply 5w



**Vicki Sim**

**Karyn Vickers** public toilets are for the public....why shouldnt people use them.

Like Reply 5w



**Whe Heta**

**Vicki Sim** 100 percent, Vicki Sim, public toilets are for the public, ay no arguements there. Im all for 5 day option.

Like Reply 5w



**Steve Biggins**

**Karyn Vickers** are they not members of the public?

Like Reply 5w



Top fan

**Karyn Vickers**

**Steve Biggins** because to use Freedom Camping/Parking Sites your Camper has to be fully self contained...meaning it's own toilet and shower facilities and grey water collection too. If it isn't fully self contained you are not meant to use Freedom Camping/Parking sites.

Like Reply 5w



**Steve Biggins**

**Karyn Vickers** so if I empty my waste at a dump station, does it not go to the same treatment plant as the public toilet ? And who told you there was a ban on using public toilets if your vehicle is self contained?

Like Reply 5w



Top fan

**Karyn Vickers**

**Steve Biggins** did I say there was a ban on using public toilets ? I said part of the requirements of using a Freedom Park area is that you are fully self contained...END OF

Like Reply 5w



**Steve Biggins**

**Karyn Vickers** who told you that?

Like Reply 5w



Top fan

**Karyn Vickers**

**Steve Biggins**

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**Karyn Vickers**

**Steve Biggins** and not only self contained but self contained CERTIFIED

Like Reply 5w



**Steve Biggins**

**Karyn Vickers** I still don't get what is wrong with using public toilets. Would you rather they did what this guy is doing?

Finally... photographic evidence.



Like Reply 5w



**Bonnie Wheki**

**Karyn Vickers** Karyn Vickers Boom, can never argue with the facts, stated in black & white.

Like Reply 5w



**Vicki Sim**

**Karyn Vickers** yes you need to be self contained but it doesn't mean you can't use public toilets. And you don't have to have a shower to be self contained.

Like Reply 5w



**EB Hunter**

**Karyn Vickers** dont use public toilets hahah how silly

Like Reply 4w





Dianne Stone

Only if they have shower and toilet on board. Many rental companies hire out vans, so called motorhome with NO toilet or the person that hires the van etc has to pay extra for using the toilet. Then all motorhome etc get lumped with you can't stay here, as the about would just use wherever for their toilet stop.

Like Reply 5w



Bette Cosgrove

Dianne Stone there is NO extra fees for a toilet onboard, and ALL hire vans with self containment actually have a toilet to use  
This is not accurate information sorry.

Like Reply 5w



Dianne Stone

A family member hired a motorhome and was told ,if the toilet is used there will be extra charge.

Like Reply 5w



AJ Wilson

Dianne Stone when this myth popped up and fueled by the media a while ago I rang and emailed Rental Companies and read T&C. There was a fee if the toilet cassette wasn't returned clean but no one charged such a fee for using the toilet. It's a myth

Like Reply 5w



Dianne Stone

Not a myth.

Like Reply 5w



Graeme Haszard

Dianne Stone not true

Like Reply 5w



Colin Harrington

Dianne Stone Been told if toilet not mted properly there will be a substantial cleaning charge, just as returning without fuel top up. (cost plus xtra penalty)

Like Reply 5w



Colin Harrington

Graeme Haszard ?? What part of my comment do you think is not true?

Like Reply 4w



Graeme Haszard

Colin Harrington if the toilet goes back uncleaned they will be charged I think I replied to the wrong person sorry

Like Reply 4w



Colin Harrington

Dianne Stone Why do they need a shower on board. Just like the 1 litre per day black water requirement - just an illogical requirement to penalize small vehicles.

Like Reply 5w



Graeme Haszard

Dianne Stone what you have said is not true.Rental companies will only charge if the toilet goes back dirty so get your facts straight

Like Reply 5w Edited



**Kathy Barakat**

I dont see a problem with staying longer . self contained should be good as .

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Like Reply 5w

**Hazz Hazz**

Yes

Like Reply 4w

**John Symonds**

Yes

Like Reply 5w

**Jacqui FitzGerald**

Yes

Like Reply 5w

**Sue O'Neill**

Yes of course

Like Reply 5w

**Robert Forsyth**

There's been a converted truck parked at The Point for weeks yet this has a 3 night stay according to website. Is this monitored 😞

Like Reply 5w

**Kathy Barakat****Robert Forsyth** I have seen that as well, and did wonder if that was all they had to live in, and I personally see no problem with them there. They seem tidy and quiet.**Colin Harrington****Kathy Barakat** If they are otherwise 'homeless' the new rules don't apply.

Like Reply 5w

**Greg Wiechern****Robert Forsyth** Probably not at this time of the year when there are usually plenty of parking spaces. Think he may be outside the freedom camping area too.

Like Reply 5w





Taryn Brown  
Tyrone Brown

Like Reply 5w



Darryl Eastwood

100% if And only if they are responsible campers that Do the right thing and keep it clean..And there has to be a officer of the Council to check every day..After all

Like Reply 5w



Bette Cosgrove

Darryl Eastwood absolutely

Responsible Campers leave no trace.

Every type of daytripper and visitor can be irresponsible and leave rubbish. Not just campers unfortunately

Like Reply 5w



Darryl Eastwood

Bette Cosgrove So true..But like everything it's always those ones who leave a mess That spoil it for the Responsible campers who I'm sure would love to be able to stay for a few more nights 🌙 And truly be able to enjoy the Beautiful scenery our country has..Surely there must be a way of setting up a way for it to be made possible 😊

Like Reply 5w



Bette Cosgrove

Darryl Eastwood yes...good Bylaws ...

Like Reply 5w



Top fan

Jan Sedgwick

Darryl Eastwood who pays for that ??? The camper or ratepayers ??

Like Reply 3w



Shane Johns

No

Like Reply 5w



Daze Nasti ...



Like Reply 5w



Annette Shaw

No

Like Reply 5w



Steve Biggins

Annette Shaw why?

Like Reply 5w 4



Top fan

**Roy Blissett**

It's not the vehicle, it's the operator. A lazy operator will still abuse the amenities regardless of what they're in.

Like Reply 5w

8



**Vicki Sim**

Roy Blissett totally agree....they blame everything on small campervans...but the owners of big flash motorhomes break rules just as much...if not more.

Like Reply 5w

3



**Steve Biggins**

Vicki Sim and feral locals day tripping.

Like Reply 5w

3



**Vicki Sim**

Steve Biggins exactly

Like Reply 5w

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Rik Samuels

Leave them alone! Or allocate more of the stolen crown lands to accomodate them... Some of them are really awesome, clean, respectful.... Another typical control mechnism by council 😏

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